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Two Fontana Unified Elementary Schools Named to California Honor Roll for Narrowing Achievement Gap

FONTANA, CA – Dorothy Grant Innovations Academy and Dolores Huerta International Academy (DHIA) were named to the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) Honor Roll in recognition of their overall performance and narrowing of the achievement gap on California standardized tests.

The two Fontana Unified elementary schools were named Star Schools, a category for high-performing schools that have significant populations of students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged. Each school will receive a banner and be recognized as a model for other schools.

“Equity and opportunity are core values that resonate throughout Fontana schools as we strive to ensure every student has the instructional tools to succeed,” Superintendent Randal S. Bassett said. “We are proud of our Honor Roll schools, which set a bar of high expectations throughout the District.”

Dorothy Grant and DHIA were both named to the Honor Roll in 2018. This is Dorothy Grant’s eighth Honor Roll designation and DHIA’s second.

Comparing test scores from 2016-17 to 2017-18, Dorothy Grant students who met or exceeded the state standard in English rose 10 percentage points from 53 to 63 percent, while its numbers in math rose 2 percentage points from 44 to 46 percent. DHIA test scores in English held firm at 60 percent.

The Honor Roll, released on June 5, is designed to shine a light on bright spots in education by identifying schools that generate strong student outcomes and provide a model of best practices which other schools can replicate.

The Honor Roll is created for CBEE by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP), which analyzes 14 measures taken from California Department of Education data, including performance on state math, English language arts and science standardized tests. ERP looks at equity among students with differing ethnic backgrounds and socioeconomic status.

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