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Hacienda La Puente Unified Elementary School Recognized as California Distinguished School

CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA – Wedgeworth Elementary School has been recognized as a California Distinguished School, a prestigious honor celebrating academic excellence, innovative programs, and a strong, collaborative school community.

Wedgeworth stood out for its Chinese Dual Language Immersion (DLI) and Computer Science Immersion programs, as well as its commitment to improving student attendance and fostering a positive school climate. The school also supports students with accessible, online learning tools such as MyAccess, Lexia, and DreamBox, helping them achieve grade-level proficiency in reading, writing, and math.

“Being recognized as a California Distinguished School is a reflection of the strong collaboration between our students, parents, teachers, and staff,” Principal Paulina Cho said. “We are committed to ensuring every student learns and succeeds, and the support of our parent community is a main reason as to why Wedgeworth is thriving.”

Attendance was a critical focus, especially following the challenges of COVID-19. Wedgeworth partners with families to reduce tardiness and absences through targeted initiatives such as the School Attendance Review Team (SART) and community-building events, including a monthly Coffee with the Principal. These efforts provide direct support and raise awareness about the critical role consistent attendance plays in academic success.

“Our parents and teachers fully understand the role they can play to help improve attendance through regular trainings and up-to-date research,” said Cho. “This shared knowledge creates a powerful support system where families are true partners in student success.”

The school’s high-quality programs continue to serve as a foundation for student achievement. The 50/50 DLI model helps students build biliteracy in English and Chinese, while the Computer Science program immerses students in coding and robotics, preparing them for success in a global, tech-driven world.

“We are incredibly proud of Wedgeworth Elementary and their commitment to excellence,” Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Alfonso Jiménez said. “This honor reflects the daily commitment of our educators, students, and families to build a thriving learning environment.”

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