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## Twelve Covina-Valley Unified Schools Achieve ENERGY STAR Certification for Second Consecutive Year

**COVINA, CA –** Twelve Covina-Valley Unified School District schools have been granted 2024 ENERGY STAR Certification by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the second year in a row, marking the District's dedication to environmental stewardship and operational efficiency.

Twelve of the District's elementary, middle, and high schools performed in the top 25% nationwide for energy efficiency and met strict ventilation standards to receive 2024 ENERGY STAR Certification. These schools have not only excelled in reducing energy consumption but also set an example for educational institutions nationwide.

These certifications not only recognize the District's efforts in energy conservation but also signify potential cost savings and improved learning environments for students and staff. Schools that earn the ENERGY STAR Certification are recognized for their superior energy performance, contributing to a healthier planet and a more sustainable future.

Covina-Valley Unified displays an ongoing investment in Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) improvements across all District sites. This includes recent updates of HVAC split systems at numerous elementary schools, and installing CO2 sensors in every classroom in the District. These upgrades ensure students and staff have access to fresh, clean air, and are a contributing factor to how the District meets the EPA's ventilation standards.

"Our commitment to energy efficiency goes hand-in-hand with our dedication to providing the best possible learning environment for our students," Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Eminhizer said. "By achieving ENERGY STAR Certification for the second consecutive year, our schools continue to demonstrate the importance of sustainable practices that benefit both our community and the environment."

## **PHOTO CAPTION:**

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