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COTTON EARNS CSBA MASTERS IN GOVERNANCE CERTIFICATE

Huntington Beach, CA – Mrs. Debbie Cotton, a trustee of the Ocean View School District, has completed the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Masters in Governance program.

Mrs. Cotton received the Masters in Governance certificate after completing 56 hours of intensive training on the role of the governance team in setting the direction of the district, student learning and achievement, school finance and facilities, human resources, setting policy, collective bargaining, and community leadership.

“This certificate recognizes a demonstrated commitment to learning, leadership and effective governance,” said CSBA President Luan B. Rivera. “The Masters in Governance program is designed to provide board members and superintendents with the knowledge and skills they need in order to function effectively as governance teams. Our program recognizes the necessity of the board and superintendent working closely together toward a common goal – student learning and achievement. We are extremely proud when a trustee or superintendent completes the requirements of the program in the interest of better serving his or her local schools, communities, and the children of California.”

Mrs. Cotton was elected to the Ocean View School Board November of 2004. Prior to her election, she was active in her school PTO, served on the district Community Budget Advisory Committee, and the Instructional Advisory Committee. She continues to volunteer regularly in her son’s classroom and with her PTO. In addition, Mrs. Cotton was elected to the Orange County School Boards Association as one of the elementary school district representatives and recently nominated as a California School Board Association delegate.

As a family law attorney, her focus continues to be on the welfare of children. She is a past president of the Orange County Women Lawyers Association and was elected to be the West District Representative on the Board of Directors for the Orange County Bar Association. Additional public service includes volunteering in the legal community’s public outreach programs and at the Public Law Center.

Trustee Debbie Cotton said, “I am proud to be part of a team that focuses on the progress of children, honors our staff, and respects our community.” Mrs. Cotton hopes the new Board of Trustees members will also enroll in the Masters in Governance Program. She concluded by saying, “It is a valuable program that helps the governance team keep the focus on the progress of children. I would be honored to go through it again, this time as a team.”