



Ocean View School District

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THREE OVSD SCHOOLS RECEIVE CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED AWARDS

Harbour View, Hope View, and Oak View Schools Receive Prestigious Recognition

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA – Ocean View School District (OVSD) is proud to announce Harbour View, Hope View, and Oak View Schools have received the state's most prestigious designation for public schools, as all three were named 2008 California Distinguished Schools. Sponsored by the California Department of Education, the honor recognizes the state's most exemplary schools based on their Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results.

The state's California School Recognition Program, now in its 23rd year, recognizes elementary and secondary campuses in alternating years. This year, 343 elementary schools were honored after each submitted a lengthy narrative application and took part in an extensive site visit.

Ocean View schools have now earned the label of California Distinguished School 30 times since 1996, and all four of OVSD's middle schools have been recognized at least once. Harbour View, Hope View, and Oak View will be deemed California Distinguished Schools through 2012, when they will be eligible to reapply.

"When you combine a highly-trained, committed staff with active and supportive parents, and add in great students," said Harbour View Principal Cindy Osterhout, "this is an honor our whole school community can be proud."

Karen Catabijan, Principal of Oak View School, was meeting with students when she received a phone call from State Superintendent of Schools Jack O'Connell notifying her of Oak View's award. "We were all excited by the news! Superintendent O'Connell probably heard the cheers in the background," said Catabijan. "At Oak View, we take pride in our community effort. We have outstanding, engaged teachers and staff, and a parent community that can't be beat. This is a wonderful honor!"

Hope View Principal Katherine Smith is equally thrilled. "Our teachers and staff work so well as a team; we are all excited by this recognition. Our students strive to do their best every day. When you combine a high level of commitment to student achievement with the support of parents and community volunteers, Hope View truly a school of Distinction!"

The 2008 recipients will be honored May 16th at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim. For more information on California Distinguished Schools or the California School Recognition Program, go to www.cde.ca.gov.

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