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**\_\_\_\_\_, Calif.** – The *(insert name of school district)* has been chosen as one of 58 recipients of the state’s leading educational honor, the Golden Bell Award. The Golden Bell Award, now in its 33rd year, is sponsored by the California School Boards Association. The award recognizes public school programs that are innovative and sustainable, make a demonstrated difference for students, and focus on meeting the needs of all students. *(Name of district)* will receive its award at a recognition ceremony to be held on **Saturday, December 1 from noon to 2 p.m.** at CSBA’s Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in San Francisco at the Westin St. Francis located at 335 Powell Street.

*[Insert description of the award-winning program]*

*[Insert Quote from Superintendent or Designee]*
Experts from school districts and county offices of education made up the 12-member judging panel that reviewed the written entries made the initial recommendations for the awards. On-site validators assessed the programs in action. This year’s award will be given to school districts and county offices of education that are helping students achieve through after-school programs, mentoring, instructional interventions, scheduling changes, use of data and other innovations.

“California schools continue to produce excellence even in these uncertain fiscal times. The Golden Bell Awards exemplify that excellence and the determination of school leaders to serve California's children with award-winning programs and services,” said Vernon M. Billy, CSBA executive director.

CSBA is the non-profit education association representing the elected officials who govern public school districts and county offices of education. With a membership of nearly 1,000 educational agencies statewide, CSBA brings together school governing boards, and district and county office administrators to advocate for effective policies that advance the education and well-being of the state’s more than 6 million school-age children. Learn more at [www.csba.org](http://www.csba.org).

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