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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ***Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts Teacher Awarded*** ***Region 11 California League of Middle Schools Teacher of the Year***

(Fullerton, CA) – Jill Riley, a dance teacher at Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts has been awarded the Region 11 California League of Middle Schools Teacher of the Year. Ms. Riley was nominated for her devotion and dedication to her six dance classes and particularly her integration of students receiving Special Education Services with her general dance students.

“Jill Riley is an incredible educator who works tirelessly for ALL her students. She provides all levels of students with the opportunity to grow and thrive,” stated William Lynch, Principal at Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts.

This award is granted to a teacher who exemplifies educational excellence and has made significant efforts to implement elements of educational reform. The California League of Schools Educator of the Year award is given annually to California elementary, middle, and high school educators who exemplify educational excellence. As the nominee selected to represent Region 11, which includes Los Angeles and Orange Counties, Ms. Riley will subsequently be honored at the California League of Schools Middle-level and Teaching with Technology Conferences to be held in Sacramento, California in March. At this conference, Ms. Riley will be competing for the California League of Schools Educator of the Year.

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves just under 13,000 students in grades TK – 8th. The Fullerton School District includes 20 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8th grade schools, and three middle schools. The mission of the Fullerton School District is to work collaboratively with the community to provide an innovative, high-quality educational program for all students in a safe learning environment. The District motto, “*Great Schools - Successful Kids*” exemplifies the belief that all students will achieve academic excellence, acquire interpersonal skills, and develop technological expertise to contribute as productive citizens in a democratic society. For more information, call 714/447-7400 or visit www.fullertonsd.org.

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