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### **FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

#### ***Three FSD Schools Named 2019 California Distinguished Schools***

**(Fullerton, CA)** – Acacia, Laguna Road, and Robert C. Fisler Schools have been named 2019 California Distinguished Schools by the California Department of Education. This is the state’s top honor for public schools and recognizes outstanding education programs and practices. Statewide, 323 schools received the honor for closing the achievement gap and achieving exceptional student performance. Fullerton Schools District has three of only 35 schools recognized in Orange County.

One component of the California School Recognition Program, the Distinguished Schools program recognizes schools based on performance and progress on the state indicators as specified on the California School Dashboard. Indicators include test scores, suspension rates, and conditions and climate. Elementary schools and middle and high schools are recognized in alternate years; therefore, awardees hold the title for two years.

“We are proud of the hard work and dedication of Acacia, Laguna Road, and Fisler Schools for receiving this recognition from the State. The accomplishments of the students, staff, and families of our district work in concert to do an amazing job and Acacia, Laguna Road, and Fisler Schools have earned and deserve this prestigious recognition,” said Dr. Robert Pletka, Superintendent of Fullerton School District.

“These outstanding schools don’t just educate students; they also provide the young people of California the tools they need to be successful after graduation,” Thurmond said. “Thanks go to all the staff at these schools—teachers, administrators, classified employees—and parents, who are working together to provide high-quality educational experiences for all of their students.”

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves just under 13,000 students in grades TK – 8<sup>th</sup>. The Fullerton School District includes 20 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.fullertonsd.org).

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