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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT *Two Schools Receive Prestigious Blue Ribbon Designation*

(Fullerton, CA) – Two schools in Fullerton School District have received designation as **Exemplary High Performing Schools National Blue Ribbon School for 2019** by U. S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. Acacia and Robert C. Fisler Schools are two of **362** schools in the nation and two of only of **thirty** schools from **California** to be recognized in 2019. Fullerton School District is the only school district in Orange County with **two** of the six schools in the county receiving this designation.

The Exemplary High Performing Schools National Blue Ribbon School recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

"We recognize and honor your important work in preparing students for successful careers and meaningful lives," said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in a [video message](#) to the honorees. "As a National Blue Ribbon School, your school demonstrates what is possible when committed educators hold all students and staff to high standards and create vibrant, innovative cultures of teaching and learning."

The coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.

"It is a great honor for a school to receive the National Blue Ribbon designation, but for Fullerton School District to have two schools receiving this recognition speaks volumes about the commitment of those schools and also about the district overall and support given on all levels," said Julienne Lee, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

In its 37th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools program has bestowed recognition on more than 9,000 schools. On Nov. 14 - 15, the Secretary and the Department of Education will celebrate with 312 public and 50 non-public school honorees at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

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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