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***A Message from the OCSBA President – Suzie Swartz***

Once again we are waiting! Waiting to see what budget revisions the Governor will propose and what the legislature will approve. Waiting to see what initiatives will pass and which will not.

In the meantime, we have hundreds of thousands of students attending our public schools here in Orange County who cannot wait – they are here now and deserve well-focused school board leadership with the highest integrity.

As school board members we “have been entrusted with the power and authority to make decisions which will crucially affect the lives of many people – now and for years to come.” (Boardmanship, A Guide for California School Board Members 12<sup>th</sup> Edition CSBA).

An awesome responsibility indeed!

Our school districts are like multi-million dollar corporations. In addition to providing students with the best educational opportunities possible, our school districts are often the largest employer in our communities, with the largest transportation and food service operations and the most facilities to maintain.

Accountability is not just about monitoring student achievement, the budget, and curriculum. It is also about evaluating the effectiveness of the board and superintendent as the governance team.

Even with the financial uncertainty we face, it is still a good time to reflect on how well we do our job – how well our governing team functions. Which practices serve us well and which don't? Can changes be made? Should changes be made? While evaluating our governance team is not an easy task, it is still critical to our success in moving forward through our state's financial crisis.

Our students are counting on us!

As for dealing with the budget, join us on May 30 for our special meeting with Ron Bennett of California School Services.

Then join us again in June along with board members across the state for Board Member Action Day (BMAD)—CSBA's new statewide advocacy event. Be an active voice and face for public education and advocate right here in Orange County. For more information about BMAD, visit:

<http://www.csba.org/LegislationAndLegal/Legislation/BoardMemActionDay.aspx>.

*Suzie Swartz*

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## 2011-2012 Marian Bergeson Award Winner

### Hilda Sugarman

The Marian Bergeson Award recognizes an Orange County School Board member who has provided outstanding governing board service and community service to promote and enhance public education. The award serves as a tribute to Marian for her exemplary leadership.

The 2011-2012 Marian Bergeson award recipient is Hilda Sugarman. A dedicated educator, Hilda Sugarman has served on the Board of Trustees of the Fullerton School District for 16 years and is currently the Board President. She has worked hard to improve education in the community and has consistently based her decisions on what children need most – “an innovative, creative, and challenging 21st century education.”

Hilda’s belief that technology is an integral tool in today’s world prompted her to support the development of the Fullerton Technology Foundation. The foundation supports students to become savvy users of today’s technology so they will be prepared for success in school and in life.

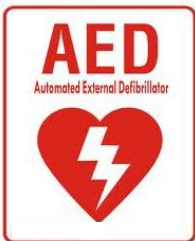
A tireless advocate, Hilda has increased public knowledge about the important role our school system plays in supporting communities, and she has secured many resources which have improved the overall quality of education for students in Fullerton. Hilda always listens with an open mind, and it is clear that she cares about students, educators, and community members. She is a great leader who exemplifies the qualities of a Marian Bergeson Award recipient.



*Marian Bergeson and  
Hilda Sugarman*



Congratulations to Hilda Sugarman on receiving this prestigious award for the 2011-2012 school year.



### Local *Be the Beat* Student Pilot Project Creating the Next Generation of Lifesavers

While sudden cardiac events at school are rare, appropriate action at these critical times may save lives. Today, more than ever before, schools may have an Automated Electric Defibrillator (AED) located on campus that requires bystanders who are ready, willing, and able to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Using the American Heart Association’s (AHA) *Be the Beat School Challenge*, a web-based CPR/AED educational program, teachers encourage students to register and complete the Challenge during a 1-2 hour online, interactive lesson that includes games, videos, and giveaways. Students learn the basics of emergency response, hands-only CPR, and AED use.

Students at four Orange County middle schools are currently participating in a Hands-Only CPR Education (CPR7OC) Pilot Project being conducted by the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) in partnership with the American Heart Association (AHA). The goal of the CPR7OC Pilot Project is to assess the viability of launching a countywide student CPR education initiative in 2013. Participating pilot schools include Corona del Mar Middle School and Ensign Intermediate School, Newport-Mesa Unified School District; Hewes Middle School, Tustin Unified School District; and Lakeside Middle School, Irvine Unified School District.



## 42 Orange County Schools Named State's Best

Forty-two Orange County public elementary schools were named as 2012 California Distinguished Schools, the state's top honor for campuses. Campuses can qualify for the award by either ranking in the top 10 percent of all schools academically or by having a high concentration of low-income students and dramatically improving their scores, helping close the achievement gap. Winning schools must also meet all federal No Child Left Behind testing targets. The award rotates annually among elementary campuses, middle schools and high schools.

The winning schools are Mariposa Elementary and William E. Fanning Elementary, Brea-Olinda Unified; Carl Hankey K-8, George White Elementary, Moulton Elementary, and Oak Grove Elementary, Capistrano Unified; Acacia Elementary, Laguna Road Elementary, and Robert C. Fisler Elementary, Fullerton Elementary; Cook Elementary, Excelsior Elementary, Stanford Elementary, and Sunnyside Elementary, Garden Grove Unified; John R. Peterson Elementary, Huntington Beach City; Alderwood Elementary, Canyon View Elementary, College Park Elementary, Culverdale Elementary, Deerfield Elementary, and Santiago Hills Elementary, Irvine Unified; Ladera Palma Elementary, La Habra City; Rossmoor Elementary, Los Alamitos Unified; Newport Elementary, Newport-Mesa Unified; Golden View Elementary and Star View Elementary, Ocean View; Canyon Rim Elementary and Linda Vista Elementary, Orange Unified, Brookhaven Elementary, Charles Wagner Elementary, Rose Drive Elementary, Sierra Vista Elementary, Van Buren Elementary, and Woodsboro Elementary, Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified; Del Cerro Elementary, Foothill Ranch Elementary, Santiago Elementary, and Trabuco Mesa Elementary, Saddleback Valley Unified; Greenville Fundamental Elementary, James Monroe Elementary, and John Muir Fundamental, Santa Ana Unified; Hicks Canyon Elementary, Tustin Unified; and Ada E. Clegg Elementary, Westminster Elementary.

Schools earning the Distinguished School title this year agree to share their "signature practices" with other schools and serve as mentors to other educators who want to replicate their work.

## Eleven Orange County Schools Receive Title I Academic Achievement Awards



Eleven Orange County schools have won Title I Academic Achievement Awards, an honor given to campuses with large populations of low-income students that have made significant gains on state tests over the past year. The award is given to schools receiving federal Title I funds as part of the No Child Left Behind act. These schools have 40 percent or more of enrolled students come from low-income families.

To win the award, the school must demonstrate that all students are making significant progress on state tests. Additionally, the school's low-income students must have doubled the achievement targets set for them for two consecutive years. Statewide, 117 out of more than 6,000 eligible schools were honored. The 11 local campuses are: Valencia Park Elementary, Fullerton City School District; A. J. Cook Elementary, John Murdy Elementary and Thomas Paine Elementary, Garden Grove Unified; and Carl Harvey Elementary, El Sol Santa Ana Science and Arts Academy, Jim Thorpe Fundamental, John Muir Fundamental Elementary, Lydia Romero-Cruz Elementary, Middle College High, and Monroe Elementary, Santa Ana Unified.





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## *Thank You SchoolsFirst*

*We extend our sincere gratitude  
to SchoolsFirst for their ongoing  
generous support for this  
year's dinners and meetings.*



## **Fiscal Update Meeting**

Wednesday, May 30, 2012  
 3:45 to 5:30 PM

*Ron Bennett, President and CEO,  
School Services of California*

At the Lyon Air Museum  
 19300 Ike Jones Road  
 Santa Ana, CA 92707  
 714/210-4585

To register, please contact your district.



*In memory of*

**Jan Harp Domene**

*Anaheim Union High  
School District Trustee*

*Former National President  
Parent Teacher Association*



*In memory of*

**Dean McCormick**

*Orange County Committee on  
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*Founding Member Inside the  
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*Former Tustin Unified School  
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*In memory of*

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