



## SAUSD Board Highlights – November 8, 2011

**Board Schedules Annual Organizational Meeting...** At the opening of the Board meeting, President José Alfredo Hernández, J.D., announced that the Annual Organizational Meeting will take place at the next Board meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. Officers of the Board for 2012 will be selected and the Board meeting calendar determined at that time.



### Superintendent's Report

Saddleback High seniors Viridiana Mojica and Giovani Rios (pictured left) presented a brief report on College and Career Day held recently at Saddleback High School. Viridiana is Associated Student Body (ASB) President, and Giovani is Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) senior class president and ASB commissioner of publicity. This is the very first year the school had held a campus-wide event, focusing on preparing students for higher education or the career of their choice.

Following the student presentation, Superintendent Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana introduced Mr. Jack O'Connell, former Schools Superintendent for the State of California, for a special recognition of eight schools and their principal. Mr. O'Connell is now Educational Director of Schools Innovations and Advocacy, which offers the Attendance2Attendance program. The below listed eight were recognized for being frontrunners in generating outstanding results in attendance improvement for the 2010-11 school year as a result of implementing the attendance program. State Senator Lou Correa and State Assemblyman Jose Solorio were on hand to congratulate the award recipients.

#### Elementary Schools

- Wallace R. Davis
- Thomas A. Edison
- Franklin
- Martin R. Heninger

#### Intermediate Schools

- Julia C. Lathrop
- McFadden and
- Spurgeon

#### Century High School

With a combined total Districtwide, the eight schools recognized helped generate an average daily attendance increase of .25 percent, equating to \$863,847 in unanticipated revenue for SAUSD. The new Attendance2Attendance program has increased attendance by nearly 24,500 learning days in just one year. In the program, schools convened personal meetings with more than 11,000 families to address student attendance.



Honored principals, from left, include: Rita Pereira-Franklin Elementary, Jane Mitchell-Edison Elementary, Adrian Ayala-Lathrop Intermediate, Lilian Soto-Surgeon Intermediate, Ignacio Muñoz-McFadden Intermediate, Jack O'Connell-Educational Director of Schools Innovations and Advocacy, William Skelly-Heninger Elementary, Lucinda Pueblos-Century High, and Dr. Marjorie Cochran-Davis Elementary.

## November Classified Employee of the Month Honored

German P. Ruvalcaba is this month's honoree for exceptional service and commitment to his job as custodian for Segerstrom High School. "Teachers, administrators, and other classified employees look to Mr. Ruvalcaba as a true problem-solver," says Dr. Amy Avina, Segerstrom High Principal. The following are a few examples of the comments she received when she informed staff of his selection:

- "It's about time he was recognized!"
- "German has always helped fix a myriad of electrical and structural problems in my classroom."
- "Well overdue and deserved!"

Superintendent Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana congratulated Mr. Ruvalcaba (pictured in photo at right) for a job well done!



## Golden Bell Rings for Jackson Elementary School

It is official. Jackson Elementary School this week was announced as a 2011 Golden Bell Award Winner. The school received the award for its lunchtime fitness program administered through the Santa Ana Police and Athletic League. Staff will be honored at the Golden Bell Awards luncheon, which will be held in San Diego in December.

## Board Presentations

To view a copy of the below listed presentations, visit the Board of Education webpage at [www.sausd.us](http://www.sausd.us)

- 2010-11 Annual Report for Williams Settlement Legislation
- SAUSD Budget Update detailing a recent SAUSD visit to Sacramento and forecasting the latest outlook.
- Facilities Update and Board Report highlighting the District's success in leveraging the Measure G school bond.

## Board Approvals

- Many of the agenda items presented for Board approval consisted of upcoming bids signaling proposed projects, and completion of several as a result of being able to leverage Measure G funding.
- The Board also approved several technology improvement items, which will receive funding through E-rate, a program which provides school districts discounts on telecommunications services.

## Board Appointments

- Chad Hammitt, Executive Director of HR, was appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services
- Michael P. Bishop, Sr., Associate Superintendent of Business Services, was appointed to the position of Deputy Superintendent, Operations

All Board meeting results are available on the Board of Education webpage at [www.sausd.us](http://www.sausd.us). The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 13 at 6 p.m.**

