

In their Own Words

Two Sierra Intermediate 8th graders, Guadalupe Merida (right in below photo) and Kierra Mitchell, who participated in the American Association of University Women – California Tech Trek Science Camp for Girls at UCI this past summer, pose with Superintendent Jane Russo and a photo collage of friends made at UCI. The students shared a glimpse of what it was like participating in the competitive program this past summer.



Godinez Fundamental High School ASB president Cynthia Guerra and senior class president Mextli Lopez shared a video showing the excitement and school spirit of the Grizzlies in action. The school recently hosted the annual College Fair for seniors throughout the school district.

For their remarkable achievement in exiting the federal No Child Left Behind Program Improvement status and recent gains on their Academic Performance Index (API), Superintendent Jane Russo acknowledged Dr. Manuel Fuentes, principal of Esqueda Elementary School, and Edna Velado, principal of Romero Cruz Elementary School, along with their educators and students for recent academic success. Esqueda gained 46 points to increase to a 783 API score, and Romero-Cruz is now at 798, having experienced a 39-point gain.

Also on the list of those recognized by the Board included two teachers — Peter Boyd, (at the podium in right photo), an 8th grade English language arts teacher at MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate and Clarissa Barragan, who teaches 6th grade English language arts at Mendez Fundamental. Both voluntarily traveled to Washington, D.C., on their own time to support the passage of the federal Jobs Bill, which will bring \$10.3 million in funding to SAUSD.



Board Presentations/Agenda Items

- Charter school update 2010-11
- Santa Ana-Garden Grove Fixed-Guideway Project being proposed to link the two cities by a new transit system.
- Staff presented the latest budget update and capital financing options were discussed.
- Discussions also centered on key performance indicators in guiding the school district's progress.
- The Board held a public hearing to review a statement of assurance for 2010-11 pupil textbooks and instructional materials per Education Code Section 60119 and 60422.

For all Board meeting results and presentations refer to the **Meeting Agendas and Minutes** section of the school district's website (www.sausd.us) under Board of Education. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.