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EL CAJON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT TO ACCELERATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

(EL CAJON, CA) _The Grossmont Union High School District is pleased to announce that El Cajon Valley High School was selected as one of 488 schools statewide to receive dramatically increased, new funding to invest in programs aimed at boosting student achievement. The Quality Education Investment Act of 2006 invests significant resources in schools with a decile ranking of one or two on the 2005 Academic Performance Index. More than triple the number of funded schools were eligible to apply.

When the Act is fully implemented by fiscal year 2008-09, the funds will be distributed on the basis of \$1,000 per pupil, for grades nine through twelve. In the initial funding year (fiscal year 2007-08), the amount distributed to schools will be slightly lower.

El Cajon Valley will be given the opportunity to implement their own plans using alternative research-based approaches to improving student achievement. The site's plan is based on a tiered system of interventions for students, beginning with the ever-important "quality first" teaching. The faculty will benefit from additional professional development training and support and students will have access to a variety of socio-emotional and academic supports.

El Cajon Valley High School is the only high school selected for funding in all of San Diego County, and the only school to be allowed to use the alternative methods to meet program goals. The school must exceed its API growth target for the school averaged over the first three years of full funding. Schools funded by the Quality Education Investment Act that continue to meet the program and achievement requirements shall be funded annually through the 2013-14 fiscal year.

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