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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ***Laguna Road School Awarded National Blue Ribbon School***

(Fullerton, CA) – Laguna Road School in Fullerton School District has received designation as **Exemplary High Performing Schools National Blue Ribbon School for 2020** by U. S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. Laguna Road School is one of 367 schools in the nation and one of only of 36 schools from **California** to be recognized in 2020.

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. The schools receiving this designation are among the state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

"Congratulations to this year's National Blue Ribbon School awardees," said Secretary DeVos. "It's a privilege to recognize the extraordinary work you do to meet students' needs and prepare them for successful career and meaningful lives."

The National Blue Ribbon School designation is a coveted award that affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content. Now in its 38th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools program has bestowed almost 10,000 awards to more than 9,000 schools, with some schools winning multiple awards.

"It is a great honor for a school to receive the National Blue Ribbon designation. This designation recognizes the hard work done to assist students to meet the challenges of the future and prepare for success," said Dr. Julienne Lee, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

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. This recognition acknowledges a schools student successes as an inspiring example of how teachers, parents, and community leaders can work together to help students prepare for what comes next. Laguna Road School will be one of 317 public and 50 non-public schools honored on November 12 and 13, 2020 at the virtual 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards Ceremony

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 12,100 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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