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State Announces San Francisco’s API School Rankings

May 5, 2011 (San Francisco) – The state has announced that the 2010 API Base score for the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) is 791, a rise from 775 the previous year.

Overall, almost 90 percent of SFUSD schools maintained or improved their state rankings. Approximately 47 percent of SFUSD schools ranked in the above average category, the top 40 percent of the state, with a state ranking of 7 – 10.

Four schools were given the highest possible ranking in the state, a 10-10: Lawton K-8, Sherman Elementary, Stevenson Elementary, and Lowell High School.

Statewide Rankings
To calculate the statewide ranks, schools are first sorted by type: elementary, middle, and high. For each of the three categories, schools’ API scores are sorted from highest to lowest. Next, the list of API scores is divided into ten equal groups (deciles) ranked from highest (ten) to lowest (one). A school’s statewide rank is determined by where within which of the ten deciles its API falls.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: 89 percent maintained or improved their statewide rankings. Buena Vista, El Dorado, Fairmount, Grattan, Harvey Milk, Jean Parker and Sherman improved in both their state and similar school rankings.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS: 94 percent either maintained or improved their statewide rankings.

HIGH SCHOOLS: 82 percent maintained or improved their state ranking. Philip & Sala Burton, Ruth Asawa SOTA, and Wallenberg improved in both their state and similar school rankings.

While 47 percent of SFUSD schools were among the highest ranked in the state, approximately 42 percent of schools were among the lowest 40 percent of the state or have a state ranking of 1-4.

Last year there were 14 schools ranked 1-1, and again this year 14 schools have a ranking of 1-1, though not all of the schools are the same. The 11 elementary schools with the lowest state ranking in 2010 are: Bret Harte*, Bryant, Cesar Chavez*, Cleveland*, Hillcrest*, John Muir*, Juniper Serra, Leonard Flynn*, Paul Revere*, Rosa Parks, and Sanchez; two middle schools: Everett and Willie Brown Jr.*; one high school: June Jordan School for Equity* (* indicates a school that has been ranked 1-1 for the last two years).

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The Academic Performance Index (API) is a numeric index (or scale) ranging from a low of 200 to a high of 1000 that reflects the academic performance level of a school or Local Education Agencies based on the results of California’s Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) tests.

SFUSD tested 37,235 students last year. There are 67 Elementary and K-8 schools, 16 Middle schools and 18 High schools that received an API state and similar schools rank. There were 6 small schools to receive only a state rank and not a similar schools rank as they tested less than 100 students.

2010 Statewide Ranking Highlights (reported on May 5, 2011)

Best of the best: State Rank Similar Schools Rank
• Alamo ES 10  6
• Alice Fong Yu ES 10  8
• Clarendon ES 10  5
• Lawton K-8 10  10
• Sherman ES 10  10
• Stevenson ES 10  10
• Ulloa ES 10  9
• Lowell HS 10  10

Improvement in statewide school ranking from 2009 to 2010:
• Buena Vista Alt from 3-1 to 4-3
• El Dorado ES from 1-1 to 2-2
• Fairmount ES from 1-1 to 4-2
• Garfield ES from 6-4 to 7-4
• Grattan ES from 7-2 to 8-4
• Harvey Milk ES from 5-3 to 6-6
• Jean Parker ES from 7-5 to 8-8
• Jose Ortega ES from 5-7 to 6-6
• Lafayette ES from 8-5 to 9-5
• Sherman ES from 8-9 to 10-10
• Sutro ES from 8-8 to 9-8
• Francisco MS from 2-1 to 3-1
• KIPP Bayview from 5-3 to 8-10
• Marina MS from 6-6 to 7-6
• Metro Arts&Tech Charter from 2-9 to 3-1
• Philip Burton HS from 2-1 to 3-3
• Wallenberg HS from 6-6 to 7-8
• Ruth Asawa SOTA HS moved from 8-4 to 9-5

Detailed information on these rankings can be found at www.cde.ca.gov.

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