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San Ysidro Elementary Schools Show Significant Academic Improvement According to The Latest California Department of Education School Dashboard Report

San Ysidro – According to the latest California Department of Education School Dashboard Report released in December, San Ysidro School District elementary schools achieved significant academic gains! All five elementary schools, La Mirada, Ocean View Hills, Smythe, Sunset and Willow showed substantial academic progress in at least one of the following areas; math, language arts or progress towards English language proficiency.

This notable progress signifies that the District is consistently moving forward with its goal to provide students a more rigorous curriculum along with a school environment that is conducive to learning and equity.

“I’m extremely proud to see the academic progress that our students have achieved”, said Dr. Gina Potter, San Ysidro School District Superintendent. “I want to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and genuine care that our teachers, classified staff and administrators have put forth to ensure the success of our students.”

Here are the spotlights according to the California Dashboard results for each elementary school showing increases:

La Mirada:

- Increase of **23.8 points** in Language Arts
- Increase of **17.7 points** in Math
- **57.1%** making progress towards English language proficiency (**considered high progress**)

Ocean View Hills:

- Increase of **15.8 points** in Math

Smythe:

- Increase of **14.6 points** in Math
- Increase of **5.3 points** in Language Arts



Willow:

- Increase of **11.9 points** in Language Arts
- Increase of **11.7 points** in Math

Sunset:

- Increase of **6.9 points** in Math

San Ysidro Middle School & Vista Del Mar Middle School:

- Highlighted for their work in implementing the Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) structure which is helping foster a productive and positive school culture.

“The staff at La Mirada is extremely dedicated and value the students” said former La Mirada Elementary School Principal, Luis Ramos, whose school showed the most significant gains. “This growth is a great example of the hard work of our teachers and the brilliance of students.”

Here is a description of the significance of the scores/gains as provided on the **California School Dashboard** website (<https://www.caschooldashboard.org>):

“The California School Dashboard is an online tool designed to help communities across the state access important information about K–12 schools and districts. The Dashboard features easy-to-read reports on multiple measures of school success. The California School Dashboard provides parents and educators with meaningful information on school and district progress so they can participate in decisions to improve student learning”.

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