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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Maple School Teacher Awarded Region 11
California League of Schools Elementary Teacher of the Year

(Fullerton, CA) – Veronica Krause, a 3rd grade teacher at Maple School awarded the Region 11 California League of Schools Elementary Teacher of the Year. Ms. Krause was nominated for her devotion and dedication to her students and her ability to make a difference.

This award is granted to a teacher who exemplifies educational excellence and has made significant efforts to implement elements of educational reform. The California League of Schools Educator of the Year award is given annually to California elementary, middle, and high school educators who exemplify educational excellence. As the nominee selected to represent Region 11, which includes Los Angeles and Orange Counties, Ms. Krause will subsequently be honored at the California League of Schools Teaching with Technology Conferences to be held in Monterey, California in March. At this conference, Ms. Krause will be competing for the California League of Schools Educator of the Year.

To nab the top spot for Region 11, Ms. Krause shared her life lessons for being an educator. The first lesson is that change is constant and the importance of adjusting to the unknown. She advises, “change is constant, roll with it.” Her second lesson is that relationships are key. Get to know students more day by day and you will learn their moods, challenges, interests and passions. Relationships with colleagues are also important and being there to help each other out. Lesson three is that teaching takes grit. It is not for the week, as each day, teachers are tasked with empowering students to become lifelong learners and positive contributors to society. Teachers must make them curious about learning while taking their background and identity into account as a way to help them see themselves as leaders, heroes, and inventors. Teachers must equip the students with skills to be anything they want to accomplish. Educators don’t give up, the cumulative effort of all teachers adds to masterpiece that the students become one day.

Ms. Krause truly lives by her lessons. When asked about Mr. Krause, the Principal at Maple School, Anthony Abney lit up and responded, "Ms. Krause makes magic happen in her classroom! All of her

students love her, because she makes learning fun and engaging. When students enter her classroom, they are greeted by a warm, caring teacher who gives each of them exactly what they need that day. Some days they may need some individual attention, other days they may need small-group intervention, and sometimes they may just need a whole lot of love. Ms. Krause gives them what they need and more. I nominated her, because she teaches with her heart and soul, and she deserves this kind of recognition.”

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 11,100 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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