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Teacher-led School Reforms Working

Early Results Show CTA's Quality Education Investment Act
Drives Gains in Hundreds of Schools

Burlingame – The California Teachers Association announced today that early results show the teacher-led reforms implemented in CTA's Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) are making measurable improvements for California's most at-risk students. The analysis of performance benchmarks for schools participating in QEIA shows that the program is contributing to significant student progress when compared to similar schools not participating in the program. For the 2009-2010 year, QEIA schools made 50 percent higher gains on California's Academic Performance Index (API) than did their non-QEIA counterparts, outpacing significant gains they had also made the prior year.

"There is a lot of talk and speculation about education reform these days," said CTA President David A. Sanchez. "With QEIA we have a working model for teacher-led reform with proven results."

The QEIA program was the result of the 2006 settlement of a CTA funding lawsuit against Governor Schwarzenegger, and of CTA-sponsored legislation authored by state Assembly Member and former teacher Tom Torlakson. The program is infusing nearly \$3 billion over seven years into 488 schools scoring in the bottom two deciles of the API. The additional funding is targeted toward proven reforms like reducing class sizes, ensuring qualified teachers in all core subjects, increasing the number of high school counselors, quality teacher and principal training, time for collaboration, and promoting parental involvement.

In addition to backing the legislation that made QEIA a reality, CTA has been deeply involved in working with participating schools, offering group and individual training to participating school staff, and assisting with actual program implementation and monitoring.

QEIA is helping close the Achievement Gap. The program serves 500,000 students, the majority of whom are Latino/Hispanic, with 42 percent English Learners and 85 percent qualifying for free or reduced lunch.

"Test scores are improving but it goes far beyond that," said Amy Lee Duprey, who teaches at QEIA participant Washington Elementary School in Compton. "We're seeing kids make real progress in all areas. The time for collaboration and additional resources QEIA provides are really paying off."

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Here are some of the results from last year alone (QEAI One-year Report Results Attached):

- 393 schools had positive growth on their API scores
- 2 schools had growth of 100 points or more
- 9 schools had growth of 75 points or more
- 40 schools had growth of 50 points or more
- 164 schools had growth of 25 points or more

Twenty-six schools have exited their status as Program Improvement Schools, a designation given to persistently struggling schools facing state intervention and potential sanctions.

“These results show that student achievement is directly tied to resources, and having those resources targeted to the right things,” said Eric Heins, the CTA board member who chairs the organization’s QEIA workgroup. “It’s clear that QEIA is making a difference for students, teachers and all staff at schools participating in the program.”

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Academic Performance Index (API)

QEIA Schools At or Above 800

County	District	School	2005 Base API	2010 Growth API
San Francisco	San Francisco Unified SD	Miraloma Elementary	653	865
Ventura	Santa Paula ESD	Grace S. Thille Elementary	664	854
Sacramento	Twin Rivers USD	Oakdale Elementary	667	848
San Diego	Chula Vista ESD	Otay Elementary	665	846
San Diego	San Diego USD	Edison Elementary	672	842
San Diego	Chula Vista ESD	Harborside Elementary	618	838
San Diego	Chula Vista ESD	Silver Wing Elementary	664	834
Los Angeles	Compton USD	Carver Elementary	655	831
Kern	Pond Union ESD	Pond Elementary	622	816
San Diego	Chula Vista ESD	J. Calvin Lauderbach ES	603	814
San Diego	Mountain Empire USD	Clover Flat Elementary	669	814
Los Angeles	Baldwin Park USD	Ernest R. Geddes Elementary	665	811
Los Angeles	Compton USD	Washington Elementary	535	810
San Bernardino	San Bernardino City USD	Kendall Elementary	667	809
Fresno	Central Unified School District	Herndon-Barstow Elementary	671	809
Los Angeles	Compton USD	Enterprise Middle	593	808
Alameda	Oakland USD	ACORN Woodland Elementary	661	807
Merced	Merced City ESD	John Muir Elementary	650	806
Fresno	Mendota USD	McCabe Elementary	625	803
Los Angeles	Los Nietos School District	Aeolian Elementary	670	803
Contra Costa	West Contra Costa USD	Harding Elementary	671	801
San Francisco	San Francisco USD	Malcolm X Academy	620	800

496 Total Schools in California

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QEIA Schools with API Growth of ≥ 50 points

County	District	School	2010 API	2010 API Growth
Alameda	Oakland Unified School District	Frick Middle	637	+51
Alameda	Oakland Unified School District	Madison Middle	728	+66
Alameda	Oakland Unified School District	Manzanita Community	733	+61
Alameda	Oakland Unified School District	Markham Elementary	791	+78
Contra Costa	Mt. Diablo Unified School District	Ygnacio Valley Elementary	753	+56
Fresno	Coalinga-Huron Joint USD	Huron Middle	684	+69
Fresno	Mendota Unified School District	McCabe Elementary	803	+70
Fresno	Parlier Unified School District	Parlier Junior High	645	+54
Kern	Kern Union High School District	Highland High	720	+50
Los Angeles	Azusa Unified School District	Charles H. Lee Elementary	780	+57
Los Angeles	Azusa Unified School District	Clifford D. Murray Elementary	755	+52
Los Angeles	Azusa Unified School District	Valleydale Elementary	693	+57
Los Angeles	Compton Unified School District	Anderson Elementary	758	+58
Los Angeles	Compton Unified School District	Carver Elementary	831	+64
Los Angeles	Compton Unified School District	Davis Middle	619	+60
Los Angeles	Compton Unified School District	Enterprise Middle	808	+115
Los Angeles	Compton Unified School District	Lincoln Elementary	768	+94
Los Angeles	Compton Unified School District	Washington Elementary	810	+86
Los Angeles	East Whittier City ESD	Evergreen Elementary	795	+50
Los Angeles	Inglewood Unified School District	George W. Crozier Middle	679	+58
Los Angeles	Green Dot (LAUSD)	Animo Locke Charter High School #1	563	+84
Los Angeles	Los Angeles USD	Audubon Middle	666	+74
Los Angeles	Los Angeles USD	Bernstein High School	599	+58
Los Angeles	Los Angeles USD	Los Angeles Senior High School	623	+59
Los Angeles	Los Angeles USD	LA Teachers Preparatory Academy	606	+55
Los Angeles	Los Angeles USD	Mark Twain Middle	706	+51
Los Angeles	Los Angeles USD	Northridge Middle	685	+50
Los Angeles	Los Angeles USD	West Vernon Avenue Elementary	711	+76
Marin	San Rafael City ESD	San Pedro Elementary	744	+60
Monterey	Chualar Union ESD	Chualar Elementary	711	+59
Monterey	Greenfield Union ESD	Greenfield Elementary	630	+62
Monterey	King City Union ESD	Del Rey Elementary	759	+59
Monterey	Soledad Unified School District	Gabilan Elementary	736	+74
Monterey	Soledad Unified School District	San Vicente Elementary	737	+55
Orange	Fullerton Elementary SD	Valencia Park Elementary	798	+54
Orange	Santa Ana Unified School District	Garfield Elementary	725	+55

Riverside	Palo Verde USD	Felix J. Appleby Elementary	738	+53
Riverside	Romoland Elementary SD	Romoland Elementary	777	+87
Sacramento	Twin Rivers Unified SD	Fairbanks Elementary	754	+63
San Bernardino	San Bernardino City USD	Riley Elementary	707	+55
San Bernardino	San Bernardino City USD	Warm Springs Elementary	711	+72
San Diego	San Diego Unified School District	Edison Elementary	842	+88
San Diego	San Diego Unified School District	Mann School of Expedition	720	+96
San Francisco	San Francisco USD	Malcolm X Academy	800	+108
San Francisco	San Francisco USD	Mission High	625	+70
Santa Clara	Alum Rock Union ESD	Cesar Chavez Elementary	709	+64
Santa Clara	San Jose Unified School District	Anne Darling Elementary	742	+79
Santa Cruz	Pajaro Valley USD	E. A. Hall Middle	674	+63
Stanislaus	Keyes Union School District	Keyes Elementary	766	+51
Stanislaus	Modesto City ESD	Orville Wright Elementary	758	+66
Stanislaus	Turlock Unified School District	Wakefield Elementary	717	+58

Of the 393 Schools With Positive API Growth in 2010:

2 Schools had API Growth of over 100 points

*Enterprise Middle School, Compton School District
Malcolm X Academy, San Francisco Unified SD*

9 Schools had API Growth of 75 or more points

40 Schools had API Growth of 50 or more points

164 Schools had API Growth of 25 or more points

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26 QEIA Schools Exited Program Improvement (PI)

County	District	School	Prior Year PI Placement
Alameda	Oakland Unified School District	Bridges Academy at Melrose	Year 5
Alameda	Oakland Unified School District	Horace Mann Elementary	Year 5
Alameda	Oakland Unified School District	New Highland Academy	Year 5
Fresno	Fresno County Office of Education	Edison-Bethune Charter Academy	Year 5
Fresno	Fresno Unified School District	Muir Elementary	Year 5
Kings	Hanford Elementary School District	Lee Richmond Elementary	Year 5
Los Angeles	Azusa Unified School District	Charles H. Lee Elementary	Year 4
Los Angeles	Baldwin Park Unified School District	Ernest R. Geddes Elementary	Year 3
Los Angeles	Lennox School District	Jefferson Elementary	Year 5
Los Angeles	Paramount Unified School District	Los Cerritos	Year 5
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified School District	Park Avenue Elementary	Year 5
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified School District	Vermont Avenue Elementary	Year 3
Los Angeles	Compton Unified School District	Washington Elementary	Year 4
Madera	Madera Unified School District	Millview Elementary	Year 5
Merced	Merced City Elementary SD	John Muir Elementary	Year 5
Orange	Orange Unified School District	Fairhaven Elementary	Year 5
Orange	Fullerton Elementary School District	Valencia Park Elementary	Year 4
San Bernardino	San Bernardino City USD	Lytle Creek Elementary	Year 5
San Bernardino	Ontario-Montclair ESD	Mission Elementary	Year 5
San Diego	South Bay Union ESD	Bayside Elementary	Year 3
San Diego	San Diego Unified School District	Edison Elementary	Year 3
San Diego	San Diego Unified School District	Encanto Elementary	Year 4
San Francisco	San Francisco Unified School District	Malcolm X Academy	Year 5
Stanislaus	Keyes Union School District	Keyes Elementary	Year 1
Sutter	Yuba City Unified School District	Bridge Street Elementary	Year 5
Ventura	Oxnard Elementary School District	Sierra Linda Elementary	Year 5

39 QEIA Program Improvement Schools met all 2010 AYP Targets and are “Frozen”