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Tierra Bonita Elementary School named National PTA “School of Excellence”



(Poway, CA) – The Poway Unified School District (PUSD) is pleased to announce that the Tierra Bonita Elementary School’s PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) has been awarded the prestigious designation of National PTA School of Excellence for the 2020-2022 school years. Tierra Bonita is the only school in PUSD to receive this honor, and one of only 351 PTAs nationwide to earn this designation.

National PTA’s School of Excellence program is a pledge to improve family-school partnerships. Throughout the year, PTAs and schools collect feedback from their school communities to create and implement plans of action to make a difference for every child. Through the School of Excellence program, PTAs and families become key partners in decision-making and school improvement efforts. The program opens the lines of communication and critical thinking within school communities to make data-driven decisions that yield positive, long-term results.

“We are immeasurably grateful to receive this incredible honor from National PTA,” said Steph Cole, President of Tierra Bonita PTA. “The journey to excellence was a year-long commitment to improve our family-school partnerships, encourage effective two-way communication, and make impactful, positive changes to the lives of all our students. That we were able to achieve this during the COVID-19 pandemic speaks volumes to the power of our Poway community and the power of PTA.”

“The strength and success of PUSD relies on the strength of the partnership between our families, teachers, and schools. Even through the challenges of the pandemic, Tierra Bonita Elementary School was not deterred. Instead, the PTA got creative and imaginative, and even more determined than ever! I am truly grateful for the hard work of our volunteers.” said Superintendent Dr. Marian Kim Phelps.

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