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CVUSD AmeriCorps Program to Be Honored with Prestigious 2015 Golden Bell Award

Thermal, Calif. – The Board of Trustees and Superintendent Adams are honored to announce that the California School Boards Association (CSBA) is awarding the Coachella Valley Unified School District **AmeriCorps Promote Program** with the prestigious **2015 Golden Bell Award**.

The Golden Bell, the state's leading educational honor, promotes excellence in education and school board governance by recognizing outstanding programs and governance practices of school boards in school districts and county offices of education throughout California. Golden Bell Awards reflect the depth and breadth of education programs and governance decisions supporting these programs that are necessary to address students' changing needs.

The AmeriCorps Promote Program is funded by the Coachella Valley Unified School District and California Volunteers to meet the needs of students in grades first through third who are not reading at grade level. AmeriCorps members individually work with students, predominantly English learners, with the objective to raise their reading proficiency using district adopted curricula and enrichment programs. Members volunteer more than 1700 hours of service through AmeriCorps creating strong ties with the CVUSD school community.

"AmeriCorps members are more than tutors, they are role models and community partners who maintain relationships with our students far beyond the classroom or academic year," stated Hidali Garcia, Director of English Language Learners Services at CVUSD.

CSBA will honor CVUSD at the Golden Bell Awards Luncheon on Saturday, December 5, 2015 in San Diego, CA.

"A special thanks to Hidali Garcia, who has now written outstanding applications for two Golden Bell Awards. One for the Read with Me Volunteer Program in 2013 and now for the AmeriCorps Promote Program in 2015," said Superintendent Adams. "We also thank our school Board President, Maria Machuca, for leading the effort to incorporate the AmeriCorps Program into our school district and expanding the program to provide even more support."

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