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PRESS RELEASE

2008 Golden Bell Award Winners Announced:

THE WINDSOR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE TOWN OF WINDSOR

One of the many positive working partnerships between the Town of Windsor and the Windsor Unified School District has been recognized as a 2008 Golden Bell Award Winner. The California School Boards' Association prestigious "Golden Bell" was awarded to the Town and School District in the cooperative groups category for "*Collaborations for a Green Environment.*"

This 2008 Golden Bell Award recognizes a decade of joint efforts between the Town and Schools in water waste recycling, energy efficiency, and cost-saving practices. The entire Windsor school community -more than 5,000 kindergartens through high school age students - has joined in the challenge to become more environmentally efficient. As participants, Windsor students understand their relationship with the environment and add relevance to learning that is applicable to their everyday lives.

The School and Town joint projects have resulted in significant environmental savings:

- Over 1.4 million gallons of fresh water
- 66,071 fewer gallons of diesel fuel burned (school buses converted to biodiesel/CNG)
- Extensive school recycling that has contributed to a 55.1% diversion rate (away from landfills, and into recycling, composting and transformation programs)
- \$10,429 per month to school budgets

This successful program exemplifies how Windsor's concern for the environment is being addressed, and modeled for others through the spirit of community cooperation.

The California School Boards Association will celebrate Windsor's unique collaboration at the Golden Bell Awards luncheon in San Diego on Saturday, December 6, 2008.