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The Press-Enterprise/Southern California News Group Reporter Recognized with Certificate of Excellence in Reporting

Beau Yarbrough receives California School Boards Association's
2022 Golden Quill Award, recognizing the essential role
journalists play in increasing understanding of public schools

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JURUPA VALLEY - Beau Yarbrough, a reporter with The Press-Enterprise and Southern California News Group, has been chosen as one of 15 recipients of the California School Boards Association's Golden Quill Award, presented in recognition of fair, insightful, and accurate reporting on public school news by print, broadcast, and online news media representatives. The Golden Quill Awards are presented by the California School Boards Association (CSBA) to recognize outstanding education journalism and highlight the essential role journalists play in increasing understanding of the objectives, operations, accomplishments, challenges, and opportunities related to public schools.

Mr. Yarbrough will be presented a Certificate of Excellence in Reporting by the Jurupa Unified School District Board of Education at their meeting on October 17, 2022. CSBA will also issue a press release and publish winners on its website (www.csba.org) and in the winter edition of California Schools magazine.

JUSD nominated Mr. Yarbrough for his March 2022 series on bullying and the many proactive, positive approaches school districts like JUSD employ to address this issue. Mr. Yarbrough, working with the USC Center for Health Journalism, produced a comprehensive and well-rounded look at this issue – analyzing data, interviewing educators and other experts, and gathering student input.

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"We are grateful to Mr. Yarbrough for taking the time to carefully examine campus safety and the important role that school districts play in tackling this issue," said Dr. Trenton Hansen, JUSD Superintendent. "We are pleased to know that Jurupa Unified has the lowest incidence of bullying in Riverside County as reported by students on the California Healthy Kids Survey. However, we also know that we must continue to work to ensure that all students feel safe at school and have access to the systems of support they need to succeed in school, in career, and in life."

"JUSD respects and appreciates the important role journalists play in sharing urgent and meaningful information with our community," said Board of Education President Melissa Ragole. "Mr. Yarbrough's data-based and thorough reporting on an issue that affects all school districts helped to highlight not only the challenges educators face in trying to maintain safe learning environments, but also the work that our staff and students put in every day to find impactful solutions."

School district and county boards of education nominate journalists for the Golden Quill Award by highlighting work that was reported accurately and insightfully and identifying stories where the nominee demonstrated a holistic understanding of the local educational agency and its stakeholders. Nominees must also have developed relationships with the school board and relevant district and site-level staff, in addition to understanding the district or county office of education's missions, goals, and/or strategic vision during the reporting process.

To learn more about the Golden Quill Awards, visit the California School Boards Association's awards webpage at <https://bit.ly/2QuvhKr>.

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ABOUT JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Jurupa Unified School District is located within Riverside County. JUSD is proudly made up of twenty-six schools total; fifteen elementary schools, one TK-6 music academy, one K-8 STEAM academy, three middle schools, three high schools, one continuation school, one adult alternative school, and one Pre-K school readiness center.

ABOUT CSBA

CSBA is a nonprofit education association representing the elected officials who govern public school districts and county offices of education. With a membership of nearly 1,000 educational agencies statewide, CSBA brings together school governing boards and district and county office administrators to advocate for effective policies that advance the education and well-being of the state's more than 6 million school-age children. Learn more at www.csba.org.