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### **Odyssey Community School selected for ASCD “Whole Child Network”**

**SAN JOSE, CA** – Odyssey Community School, a school in the Alternative Education Department of the Santa Clara County Office of Education, has been selected as one of only 10 schools nationwide to participate in the ASCD “Whole Child Network” of schools.

As part of its selection, Odyssey will receive a \$10,000 grant for the 2012–13 school year. The school will also participate in a school improvement process using the tenets of ASCD’s “Whole Child” initiative.

Leaders from Odyssey kicked off their participation last week with a 2½-day Whole Child Network Summer Institute at ASCD’s Alexandria, Va., headquarters. Administrators and teachers formulated strategies and learned tactics for implementing the whole-child approach to education in their schools. Elements of those plans include needs assessments; customized face-to-face trainings; and the deployment of tools, products, and services that address the various needs identified by the assessment.

Odyssey also will be the site of a one-day professional development training session, designed to introduce the whole-child approach to the school’s community.

“Our work with Odyssey Community School and the other members of the network supports key leaders and team members as they create and implement long-range plans that ensure each child in each classroom at their school is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged,” said Molly McCloskey, managing director of Whole Child Programs at ASCD.

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