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### **Inclusion Collaborative Wins Hoffmann Award**

**SAN JOSE, CA** – The Inclusion Collaborative, the effort of the Santa Clara County Office of Education to ensure that children with disabilities and special needs have equal access to full participation in inclusive learning environments, was named on Tuesday as a winner of a Glenn W. Hoffmann Award.

Initiated by the Santa Clara County School Boards Association in 1983, the Hoffmann Awards provide recognition for successful district programs that benefit students.

The Inclusion Collaborative was created in 2004 by FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, the Local Early Education Planning Council and the Santa Clara County Office of Education. It was one of five programs honored with the award. The others are Hyde Middle School in the Cupertino School District; Rancho Milpitas Middle School in the Milpitas Unified School District; College Connections Academy (a collaboration among the Franklin McKinley School District, East Side Union High School District, Evergreen Valley Community College and San Jose State University); and Fisher Middle School in Los Gatos Union School District.

The awards are named for Glenn W. Hoffmann, who served as the superintendent of Santa Clara County schools from 1967 to 1984. A committee of school administrators and board members scored entries from Santa Clara County school programs. This year awards were given to the top five programs, which received the highest scores out of 17 total entries.

Representatives of the winning programs will be honored April 24 at a 6 p.m. awards ceremony at Faz Restaurant in Sunnyvale.

The event is sponsored by Pacific Gas & Electric, Chevron Energy Solutions, the Santa Clara County Office of Education, and the Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.

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