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## **Union Mine High School Joins the List of Distinguished Schools**

The El Dorado Union High School District and Principal Tony DeVille are pleased to announce that Union Mine High School has earned the recognition as a 2009 California Distinguished High School, joining 124 high schools in the state to receive this distinction.

To become eligible for this honor, schools must meet certain rigorous academic criteria which demonstrate educational excellence for all of its students in addition to providing two in-depth practices that have been implemented at the school which are replicable and directly relate to the success of the school's students. Union Mine's two signature practices include (1) a Pyramid of Intervention, a structural support for student success, and (2) a Comprehensive and Developmental Student Guidance system. These practices were then validated through an intensive site visitation by a trained team of educators.

A ceremony honoring Union Mine was held on May 29 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim. Each honoree was awarded a California Distinguished School plaque and flag.

Union Mine joins El Dorado Union High School District's three other comprehensive high schools—El Dorado, Ponderosa, and Oak Ridge—that have achieved this award.

Principal Tony DeVille states, "I am extremely proud that Union Mine High School has again been recognized as a California Distinguished School; it is a tremendous honor for our students, teachers, staff, parents, and community. This award validates the notion that the instructional practices and strategies that are utilized on a daily basis at Union Mine are raising student achievement."

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