



## **PRESS RELEASE – ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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### **Transportation Team Selects Peer Award Winners 2012**

May 14, 2012 (Orange, CA) - Two employees were honored with peer recognition awards at the recent celebration of School Bus Driver Day at the District's transportation facility.

Richard Avila, School Bus Driver and Delegated Behind-the-Wheel School Bus Driver Trainer, and Thang Le, Heavy Duty Mechanic, received this year's special recognition.

Mr. Avila has worked for OUSD since 2005 and serves students at Palmyra and La Veta Elementary Schools and Portola Middle School during his daily route assignments. When not transporting students, he uses his expertise as a driver trainer to train and maintain the high driving standards required for each OUSD school bus driver.

The acknowledgment was a surprise to Avila who remarked, "I'm very honored to receive the award from my co-workers and I love my job." Avila's name has been added to the plaque along with past winners of this prestigious award.

Mr. Le was recognized by his co-workers for his contributions to the maintenance of the District's fleet vehicles. He has worked for OUSD since 2004 and is a specialist in the maintenance and repair of more than 275 different vehicles operated by the District. His expertise includes working on gasoline, diesel, and compressed natural gas (CNG) school buses as well as the multitude of other equipment required to keep OUSD running smoothly. Le was honored to receive the special recognition and support from his fellow team members as his name was added to the plaque of former honorees.

Director of Transportation and Mechanical Services Pamela McDonald appreciates the outstanding efforts Richard Avila and Thang Le, describing each as "valuable members of our transportation team who truly deserve this special honor."

*The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA*

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