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ERICA LEGGETTE NAMED FUSD'S 2015 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

FONTANA, CA – At the May 6, 2015 meeting of the Board of Education, the Classified Employee of the Year and nominees were recognized for their outstanding work and dedication. These recipients represent the hundreds of Fontana Unified School District's classified employees who help provide safe, clean, and productive environments for the students in our district every day. Without their contributions, our schools and our district could not function. From this exceptional group of employees, David Creswell, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, announced this year's recipient of the 2014-15 FUSD Classified Employee of the Year award, Erica Leggette, Library Specialist at Oak Park Elementary School.

"You will never hear the words 'Not in my job description' from this employee, if it something that benefits the students, parents or staff," said Mr. Creswell. "She partners with teachers and the principal to support student achievement and makes it a priority to get students participating in the Accelerated Reading Program. Her Literacy Hub, which is a learning center for students and parents, helped to make her school recognized by the California Department of Education as a Distinguished School."

Erica's idea for a Family Literacy Night included a book store on campus, refreshments and a library card drive in conjunction with the San Bernardino Public library for over 300 people.

"She is the heart and soul of Oak Park Elementary with her expertise, enthusiasm, dedication and many levels of involvement," continued Mr. Creswell.

As FUSD's winner in the Para-Educator and Instructional Assistance category, her nomination was submitted to the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools for further consideration for the county and state level. Erica was selected as a San Bernardino County Classified Employee of the Year in the category of Para-educator and Instructional Assistant

Categories for recognition were designated by the San Bernardino County Schools, based on the State recognition program. Nominees for winners of the Classified Employees of the Year recognition were determined by the classified employees' union, United Steel Workers. Winners in each category were submitted to the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools as District representatives in the County recognition program.

The following category winners were also recognized at the Board Meeting: Office and Technical – Kristina Cayton, School Outreach Liaison at Fontana High School; Support Services – Berta Cobian, Community Aide at Fontana High School and Randall Pepper; and Maintenance and Operations – Richard Mehling, Senior Custodian at Chaparral Elementary School.

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Front row: Kristina Cayton, Berta Cobian, Erica Leggett, and Richard Mehling

Back row: Board of Education – Lorena Corona, Matt Slowik, Jesse Armendarez, and Mary Sandoval and Superintendent Dr. Leslie Boozer