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**Josie Gonzales Fifth District**

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**JGFDS-PR-249 SUPERVISOR AWARDS TOP FIVE 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT SCHOOLS  
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**SUPERVISOR GONZALES TO AWARD FIVE SCHOOLS FOR TAKING ON THE  
2009-2010 GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE**

**SAN BERNARDINO** – Three San Bernardino County's 5<sup>th</sup> District schools were top performers in the 2009-2010 Governor's Challenge Competition, landing positions among the region's finalists and claiming the top cash awards offered by Supervisor Josie Gonzales.

In October 2009 Supervisor Gonzales announced that she would award a total of \$12,000 to the top five 5<sup>th</sup> District schools that successfully complete the statewide fitness competition. With help from the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools the word got out and the schools responded.

County-wide over 61,000 students participated and recorded over 400,000 days of physical activity. Strong participation by the San Bernardino City Unified School District drew the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports' attention. As a result, one top participating school within the school district will receive a Live Positively Fitness Center donated by The Coca-Cola Company.

"I am very proud that our schools really stepped up and happy to see the overwhelming interest and participation individuals showed in this year's Governor's Challenge," said Gonzales.

"I support and promote the Challenge to encourage students, teachers, administrators, parents and other school supporters to choose healthier, more active lifestyles," she added. "After exercising 30-60 minutes a day, three times a week for a month for the competition, being active should become a part of life, a part that offers multiple benefits – in mind, body and spirit."

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During the coming months Supervisor Gonzales will make special presentations to the top 5<sup>th</sup> District schools that will use their award monies to purchase physical activity equipment:

- **North Park Elementary** (San Bernardino) will receive the top award, \$5,000
- **Georgia Morris Elementary** (Colton) will get \$3,000
- **Cesar E. Chavez Middle** (San Bernardino) earned \$2,000
- **Vermont Elementary** (San Bernardino) and **Arroyo Valley High** (San Bernardino) will receive \$1,000 each.

North Park Elementary, Georgia Morris Elementary, and Cesar E. Chavez Middle schools are among the 13 award finalists for the Desert Sierra Region. In September the Governor's Council will announce the Governor's Challenge grand prize winners and the San Bernardino City USD school that will receive the Live Positively fitness center.

For more information on the results of the Governor's Challenge Competition visit the website at [www.calgovcouncil.org](http://www.calgovcouncil.org).

*The 5<sup>th</sup> District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a segment of the city of Fontana.*

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