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### **Central Unified School District School Psychologist Called Outstanding**

MONTEREY – Christine Borges, a school psychologist with the Central Unified School District, was named Outstanding School Psychologist for the Central Valley Region by the California Association of School Psychologists (CASP).

Each year CASP officially recognizes the outstanding work of school psychologists with its Outstanding School Psychologist award. Only practicing school psychologists who provide direct service to students, teachers, parents, or community agencies may receive this recognition. Nominated by their peers, one school psychologist in each of CASP's 10 regions receives the award at the association's annual convention, held in late February in Monterey. The Central Valley Region includes Fresno, Kern, Kings, Inyo, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus and Tulare counties.

Borges, a graduate of California State University, Fresno, has "given back" to the university by supervising school psychology interns. Marilyn Wilson, Ph.D., professor in the university's school psychology program, said that Borges is regarded as "one of our best field supervisors for practicum students. She models best practices in assessment, intervention and consultation. Her practice follows professional ethical and legal guidelines at all times...We very much appreciate her service to the university and to the field."

A resident of Fresno, Borges is known for working closely and successfully with all the players in the special education system – classroom teachers, students, parents, administrators, and community agencies. According to her colleagues, she is very knowledgeable about the recent changes in federal laws that have affected the way school psychologists do their jobs. She also nearly single-handedly re-established the Central Valley Association of School Psychologists – an affiliate of CASP. As a result, school psychologists in the Fresno area not only have an outlet for networking, but the ability to receive continuing professional development at the local level.

The California Association of School Psychologists, with more than 3,000 members, is the largest state association of school psychologists in the nation. For more than 50 years, CASP has advocated on behalf of all of California's students. School psychologists offer student assessments, classroom management, program development for at-risk students and many other services to schools and their communities.

NOTE: A photo of Christine Borges is available by email. Call the number above or email Heidi Holmblad at [communications@casponline.org](mailto:communications@casponline.org).