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### **Los Angeles Unified School District School Psychologist Called Outstanding**

MONTEREY – Karissa Reese, a school psychologist with the Los Angeles Unified School District, was named Outstanding School Psychologist 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 February 16-18 in Monterey. Because of its size, LAUSD itself is one of the 10 regions.

Reese works at three different schools, two elementary and does counseling at one high school. She provides assessments and counseling at the elementary schools, has a Friday lunch group with her students and is available after school to all. She works with students to improve their classroom behavior and self-esteem. Children who have emotional issues are sent by their teachers to Reese, who also consults with parents on their students' learning problems. Reese works closely with teachers and administrators to ensure that all students have learning environments conducive to reaching grade-level standards.

A resident of Pasadena, Reese is a former president of the Los Angeles Association of School Psychologists (LAASP), a chapter of CASP, and has coordinated many continuing professional development opportunities for school psychologists in that district. She also volunteers each summer as a counselor at a summer youth camp.

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 Karissa Reese is available by email. Call the number above or email Heidi Holmblad at [communications@casponline.org](mailto:communications@casponline.org).