CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES RESIDENCE CHECK PROCESS FOR LADERA RANCH SCHOOLS

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO – The Capistrano Unified School District announced to families at four Ladera Ranch schools that the district will implement residence checks to confirm enrollment at the schools for the 2015-2016 school year. In a letter sent home Friday, May 8 to families currently attending Chaparral Elementary, Oso Grande Elementary, Ladera Ranch Elementary and Ladera Ranch Middle schools, CUSD stated it will rigorously enforce student residency requirements in Ladera Ranch. The residency verification is necessary due to the popularity of these outstanding schools, known for their high academic achievement and parent involvement, and the impact of non-approved, non-resident students attending the schools.

“While we support the opportunity for CUSD families to choose where to send their children to school, this must be done through an approved process that ensures placement for students living within an attendance boundary to enroll at their assigned school,” said Superintendent Kirsten Vital. “Unfortunately, we have reached a point where we are at capacity at some of our sites, in particular the Ladera Ranch schools, and need to verify that students actually attending these schools reside within the assigned attendance areas.”

School residency requires that a student physically resides within the assigned attendance area of a given school. Families at each of the Ladera Ranch schools are required to submit two
acceptable forms of residency verification by May 22, 2015. In addition to the residency verification, the district will use an address verification company and private investigator to enforce compliance. A new anonymous report of suspected falsification of residency, which can be accessed on the district’s website at http://capousd.ca.schoolloop.com, has also been implemented. Students not residing within the attendance area, or not already approved to attend schools through the district’s School of Choice program, will be reassigned to their school of residence for the 2015-2016 school year.

“Ladera Ranch is fortunate to have some of the finest schools in California. These schools have attracted families residing outside the community, resulting in an impact on school capacity,” said Vital. “This residence check process will ensure that families living within the Ladera Ranch area are able to attend these fine schools.”