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Building Instructional Leadership in a Standards-Based World

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Evans Newton Inc.'s (ENI) Partner Huntington Park College-Ready Academy High School to Share its Success

Scottsdale, AZ (December XX, 2008) – Evans Newton, Inc. (ENI), a national leader in raising student achievement, is proud to announce that partner school, Huntington Park College-Ready Academy High School, has been chosen as a California statewide model of quality. The school was awarded a \$1.1 million grant from the state's Public Charter Schools Dissemination Grant Program to share information on the school's leading-edge educational practices with other schools in California.

Located in one of Los Angeles' traditionally lowest performing communities, Huntington Park is a member of Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, a leading charter school organization whose students, 95% of whom are poor, achieve at the highest levels and go on to success in college. As part of a recent project, ENI was instrumental in helping Alliance schools to develop their curriculum guides. ENI's support currently is expanding within the Alliance to assist teachers with new quarterly benchmark exams to assess ongoing learning and provide teachers with data to drive instruction in the classroom. With these tools, Alliance staff members will further enhance their ability to deliver standards-based teaching that meets the needs of individual students.

The Alliance's Chief Academic Officer, David Linzey, stated, "Alliance College-Ready Public Schools is very proud of the outstanding instructional leadership and professional development that Huntington Park and its principal, Laura Galvan, are providing to the school's teachers. The work that has taken place over the past three years is phenomenal. In addition, the outstanding instructional guides and benchmark exams provided by ENI are truly making a significant difference in the quality of instruction taking place."

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In 2007, ENI created custom instructional guides to fit the needs of Huntington Park and the other Alliance high schools . These guides are similar in approach to ENI's flagship TargetTeach® process that aligns a district's curriculum to state standards and fills any gaps in the instructional sequence. During the 2008-2009 school year, Alliance schools will be putting into practice ENI assessments to give students regular benchmark tests specific to state standards, while providing immediate diagnostic feedback on student needs. Using this information, teachers can better support struggling students and mentor them on an individual basis.

About Evans Newton Incorporated

ENI is the nation's leading developer of standards-based student achievement programs for primary and secondary schools. ENI partners with school districts around the country to implement research-based approaches that incorporate deep curriculum alignment, state-specific formative assessments, software for monitoring assessments and instructional resources, customized teaching tools, and professional development and coaching to promote teacher effectiveness. The majority of ENI employees are former educators who possess expertise in developing curriculum tools designed to promote student proficiency as measured by state tests. Since its founding in 1973, ENI's mission has been to raise student achievement through customized instructional solutions using proven teaching methods.

About Huntington Park College-Ready Academy High School

In addition to being a model of quality school, Huntington Park, an Alliance College-Ready Public School has also been named a Certified Charter School by the California Charter Schools Association. Only a small percentage of the state's nearly 700 charter schools have earned this prestigious designation. Alliance College-Ready Public Schools is a charter management organization of eleven high-performing public schools within the Los Angeles Unified School District. Alliance students, 95% of whom are poor, live in LA's traditionally lowest performing communities and achieve at the highest levels. 100% of Alliance graduates were accepted to college – 80% to four-year universities including Wellesley College, Bryn Mawr, Mills College, Dartmouth, Pomona College, UC Berkeley and UCLA.

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