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IUSD and CSEA team up to recognize the work of classified employees *Administrators and Board members to take part in unique job-shadowing program*

IRVINE, Calif. – Principals, administrators and Board of Education members from the Irvine Unified School District will shadow custodians, food service workers, bus drivers, paraeducators and other classified employees during IUSD's second annual Appreciating Classified Employees (ACE) Day on Tuesday, May 19.

Established by the California School Employees Association (CSEA) to recognize and celebrate the efforts of classified employees, the ACE program was first piloted in 2007 at three school districts in California. Last year, CSEA's Chapter 517 collaborated with IUSD to bring this unique job-shadowing program to Irvine, allowing principals, Board members and district-level administrators to witness first-hand the hard work that classified employees perform each day to support students. IUSD will take part again this year, and afterward a noontime luncheon will allow participants to share their experiences.

ACE Day is one of several local events scheduled to take place during Classified School Employee Week, which will be recognized statewide May 17-23.

What: Administrators, Board of Education members and others will shadow classified staff for approximately two hours during Appreciating Classified Employees (ACE) Day.

When: Tuesday, May 19 (Most assignments will begin at 8 a.m. The event will conclude with a luncheon at noon.)

Where: Various sites throughout the district

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