



## News from Albert Einstein Academies and Councilmember Todd Gloria



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### **South Park Schools Announce Academic Achievement**

#### *Albert Einstein Academies Excel on the Academic Performance Index*

*SAN DIEGO, CA (September 14, 2010)* – Albert Einstein Academies today announced their standings on the Academic Performance Index (API) at a celebratory event featuring stories and presentations from students as well as comments from San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria and San Diego School Board member Richard Barrera.

The elementary and middle schools, led respectively by principals Jeannette Vaughn and David Sciarretta, have managed to excel in an era of budget cuts thanks to well-rounded programs and involvement with the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) program.

As IB-affiliated schools, Albert Einstein Academies focus on the whole child instead of specifically gearing all lessons on standardized testing. The schools are co-located at 3035 Ash Street and have positively impacted the diverse South Park neighborhood of San Diego.

“Albert Einstein Academies deserve the community’s congratulations for demonstrating academic excellence,” said Councilmember Todd Gloria, who represents the area. “The schools are also terrific community partners, a benefit that should be counted among their many successes.”

The API scores, which became public on Monday, September 13, were notable for several reasons.

- Albert Einstein Elementary School excelled 11 points beyond last year’s API mark.
- Albert Einstein Middle School gained 62 points over the previous year’s API score.
- It was the highest ranked middle school in Metro San Diego, and the 8<sup>th</sup> overall middle school in the San Diego Unified School District.
- The middle school’s principal, Mr. Sciarretta, committed to students that he would run one kilometer for every API point gained over last year. Because of the improvement, he will run 62 kilometers (about 39 miles) on October 15.

"I am extremely proud of our students, teachers, and staff not only for an outstanding API increase but just as importantly for building a well-rounded program of academic excellence. At Albert Einstein Academies, all stakeholders truly are committed to our mission: 'Teaching our children today to advance our shared humanity tomorrow,'" said Principal Sciarretta.

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