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## SAN BERNARDINO UNIFIED'S OPERATION STUDENT RECOVERY BOASTS A 70 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE

Last week, many parents and students received a surprise home visit from San Bernardino City Unified School District managers as part of the biannual Operation Student Recovery program.

Superintendent **Dr. Arturo Delgado** launched Operation Student Recovery in February 2007 to catch truant students before they fall through the cracks and become dropouts. After each semester begins, teams of District managers visit the homes of high school students who have been absent without a valid excuse, also known as being truant. The home visits serve several purposes. They let truant students and their parents know the District cares about them. The visits also remind parents that the law requires their children to attend school. And, most importantly, the visits provide families of truant students with information and solutions to obstacles that prevent good school attendance.

During the February 18 Operation Student Recovery, 59 District managers and 3 community participants visited 276 homes of students enrolled at **Arroyo Valley**, **Cajon**, **Pacific**, **San Gorgonio**, and **San Bernardino High Schools**; **Arrowview Middle School**; and **Hunt Elementary School**.

The District's **Youth Services Department** tracks students' attendance after the home visits. By the end of the school day on February 18, about 70 percent of the previously truant students had returned to school.

The District offers a variety of programs and services to assist children with attendance and academic problems. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's school for a schedule of free after-school tutoring programs. The District's Family Resource Center, (909) 880-4057, provides assistance for homeless families and holds parent workshops on a variety of topics. For more information about these and other services, visit www.sbcusd.com or contact your child's school.

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