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**CAPISTRANO CONNECTIONS ACADEMY REACHES GOALS FOR
STATE AND FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS**

Capistrano, CA – October 31, 2007 – Capistrano Connections Academy (CapoCA), a leading national provider of high quality, highly accountable virtual public schools operated in partnership with the Capistrano Unified School District, has met the No Child Left Behind reading, math and overall Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) measures for the 2006-2007 school year. AYP is based on standardized test participation and performance by all categories of students in a school, from low-income students to gifted to children with disabilities. CapoCA, which was launched in 2004, has been measured for AYP for the past two years – and has met AYP goals each year. Additionally, the school continues to meet its goals as enrollment increases (enrollment was approximately 350 at the end of 2006 and 530 at the end of 2007).

“Capistrano Connections Academy has enjoyed tremendous success in the past year. Meeting and exceeding these goals clearly demonstrates our dedication to providing the highest quality education and program to our students and families,” said Jonathan Horowitz Ed.D., CapoCA principal. “We are pleased with our growth and improvements this year and look forward to continuing to meet and exceed our goals in subsequent years.”

In Connections Academy’s unique Personalized Performance Learning™ approach, parents or other “Learning Coaches” deliver instruction to students using daily lesson plans and curriculum materials provided by Connections Academy. Connections Academy’s professional teachers create a Personalized Learning Plan for each student whose progress is tracked through a proprietary web-based Learning Management System. Hallmarks of the Connections Academy program include: individualized instruction; strong parental involvement; high-quality teaching; a proven curriculum; technology-rich learning; and accountability and achievement.

CapoCA is a public school chartered through the Capistrano Unified School District. The school currently serves students in kindergarten through eleventh grade. Students learn at home under the guidance of a certified Capistrano Unified School District teacher, along with oversight provided by a parent or guardian who serves as a “Learning Coach.”

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Connections Academy serves a wide range of students, including those who are advanced or on a different pace from others in a traditional classroom; students who can benefit from more individualized instruction; or those who want a more flexible school schedule. Homebound and previously home-schooled students also thrive in the Connections Academy program.

Families seeking more information about CapoCA can call 1-800-382-6010 or visit www.ConnectionsAcademy.com online.

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About Capistrano Connections Academy

Capistrano Connections Academy is a virtual charter school authorized by the Capistrano Unified School District. The school is approved as a nonprofit corporation and is operated by an independent Board of Directors. The school accepts students in grades K-11 who reside in San Diego, Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino counties. CapoCA is accredited for grades K through 10 by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

About Connections Academy

Connections Academy is a leading national provider of high quality, highly accountable virtual public schools in thirteen states operated in partnership with charter schools, school districts, and state departments of education. Connections Academy schools deliver top-quality, personalized education for students that combines certified teachers, a proven curriculum, technology tools, and community experiences to create a supportive and successful environment for children who want an individualized approach to education. In Connections Academy's unique Personalized Performance Learning® approach, students use daily lesson plans and curriculum materials provided by Connections Academy. Teachers develop a learning plan for each student, whose progress is tracked through a proprietary, web-based Learning Management System. In 2007-08 Connections Academy will serve students in grades K-11 in Arizona, California, Idaho, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon, Maryland (Baltimore County), and Pennsylvania; grades 4-11 in Nevada; grades K-9 in Colorado; grades K-8 in Florida and Wisconsin; grades K-5 in Missouri. For more information, call 800-382-6010 or visit www.connectionsacademy.com