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## **Another Los Altos School District Teacher Identified as an Apple Distinguished Educator**

LOS ALTOS, CA – The Los Altos School District (LASD) is proud to announce that another one of our teachers has been identified as one of the most innovative educators in the world. Ellen Kraska, District Technology Integration Coach has been selected as an Apple Distinguished Educator.

Ellen currently works to support and coach all K-8 teachers in LASD on effectively integrating technology seamlessly into their instruction. This short video (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwDxQp8fqBo&feature=youtu.be&safe=active>) provides you with a glimpse of Ellen's accomplishments in year one as a Technology Integration Coach, a position funded by the Los Altos Education Foundation (LAEF).

"I am extremely proud of Ellen Kraska's selection. She is an innovative educator and this national recognition is well deserved," said Jeffrey Baier, Superintendent of LASD. "Ellen stays abreast of current technology and how that technology can improve student learning. She will bring back to LASD classrooms knowledge of the latest and future innovative practices further improving the learning experiences for our students. Professionals like Ellen continue to make LASD a nationally-recognized leader in educational innovation."

The Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE) Program began in 1994, when Apple recognized K-12 and higher education pioneers who are using a variety of Apple products to transform teaching and learning in powerful ways. Today it has grown into a worldwide community of over 2,000 visionary educators and innovative leaders who are doing amazing things with technology in and out of the classroom. Apple is pleased to welcome Ellen to the ADE Class of 2013. Ellen joins LASD teacher Samantha Nguyen (Almond School, grade 5) who became an ADE in 2007. Learn more about this group of innovative educators online at <http://www.apple.com/education/ade>

"I am thrilled and honored to be recognized as an Apple Distinguished Educator. Joining this community of educators will enable me to learn even more about how we can make learning engaging, creative and meaningful for our students," shared Ellen Kraska. "I look forward to sharing my experiences with all teachers in LASD and believe that integrating technology can take learning to new heights and empower students to go above and beyond."

Los Altos School District operates seven elementary and two junior high schools and is a top-rated school district in the State of California. LASD serves 4500 K-8 students from portions of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View and Palo Alto. All nine schools in the district have been California Distinguished Schools and/or National Blue Ribbon Schools. LASD is nationally recognized for its innovations in education and its awards including the first district to create blended learning mathematics environments utilizing Khan Academy.

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