

# “The Road to Excellence: Passion and Performance at Camino Nuevo”

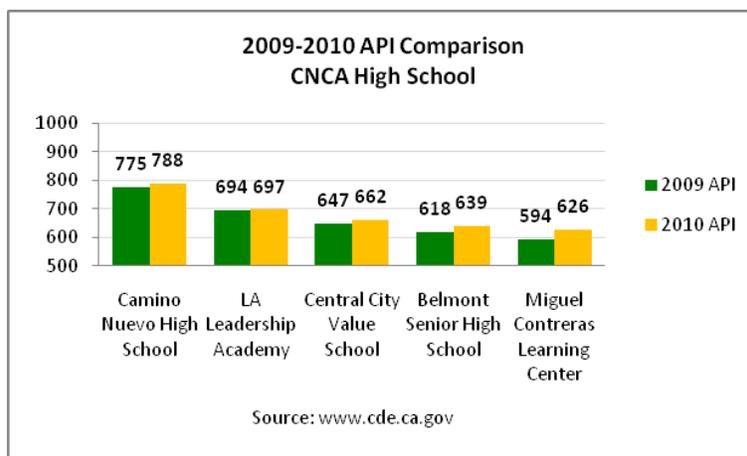
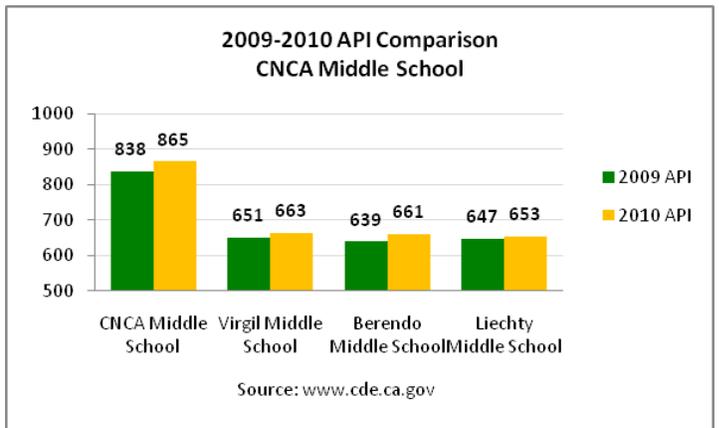
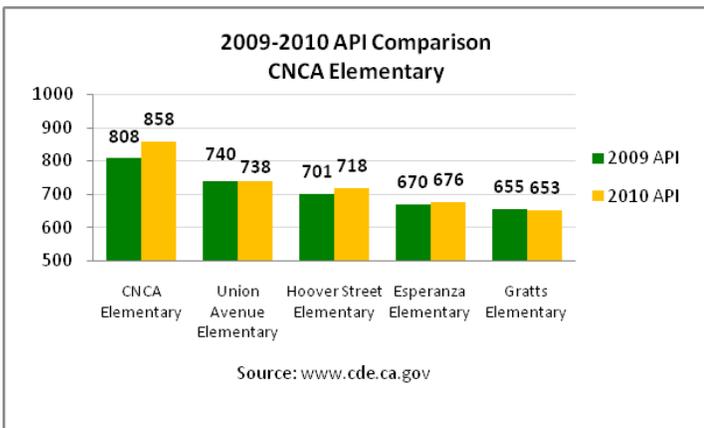
*CNCA continues to prove that all students can reach academic excellence.*

**Los Angeles (September 27, 2010)** – Camino Nuevo Charter Academy’s (CNCA) Academic Performance Index (API) has soared 42 points for its K-8 program, from 817 in 2009 to an impressive 859 in 2010, shattering the state’s API goal of 800. When the K-8 API score is disaggregated by grade level, it results in an API score of 858 for the elementary grades (K-5) and an API score of 865 for the middle school grades (6-8). As such, the **CNCA middle school ranks 5<sup>th</sup> among all 111 Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) middle schools**, and our elementary school ranks in the top 15% when compared to all LAUSD elementary schools.

Camino Nuevo High School (CNHS) has also earned success, achieving an API score of 788 in 2010, representing a 13 point gain over the prior year. CNHS proudly ranks among the top 20 LAUSD high schools, including traditional, magnet, and charter public schools (excluding small and ASAM schools).

Despite the social and economic challenges faced by residents of the Greater MacArthur Park community, CNCA K-8 and high school students are defying the odds by demonstrating exceptional academic performance. CNCA continues to *significantly outperform* local area schools.

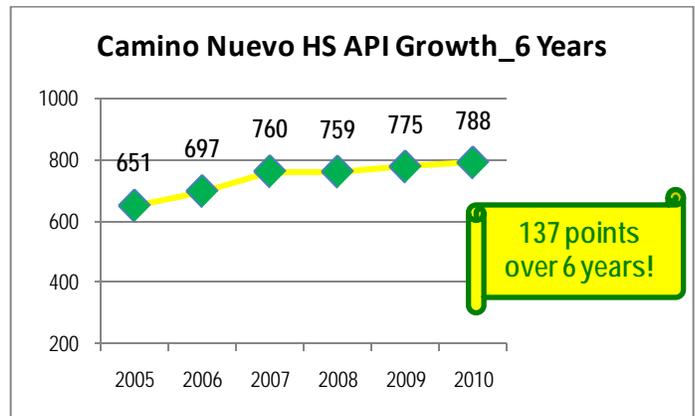
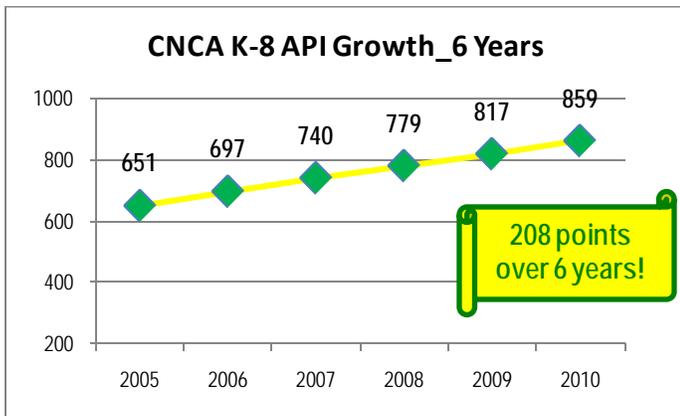
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“We commend our staff, students and parents for their dedication to the academic success of our community,” said Ana Ponce, CEO of CNCA. “Our commitment to educate and prepare every single student that comes through our doors to be college ready and college bound is constant. Our children are our future leaders and our work is an investment in them and in our society.”

<sup>1</sup> CNCA Elementary and Middle School API were disaggregated by CNCA.

Over the past six years, the API at the K-8 has increased by 208 points and by 137 points at the high school.



These incredible gains have also led to outstanding recognitions for our schools. In the 2009-2010 school year alone, our schools were honored with prestigious awards, such as:

- California Title 1 Academic Achievement Award (K-8)
- California Distinguished Elementary School Award (K-8)
- California Association of Bilingual Education Seal of Excellence Award (K-8, Burlington Campus)
- Accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (Pre-K)
- U.S. News Top High Schools – Bronze Award (HS)

CNCA provides outstanding educational opportunities for children in the Greater MacArthur Park area, and continues to prove that all students can produce incredible academic outcomes when held to high standards, exposed to relevant learning experiences, provided targeted intervention, and supported in a nurturing environment.

#### **ABOUT CAMINO NUEVO CHARTER ACADEMY**

**Camino Nuevo Charter Academy** is a network of college preparatory *public* charter schools, serving over 2,000 students in preschool through high school. It was founded in August 2000 by Pueblo Nuevo development, a nonprofit community development corporation in the MacArthur Park/Pico Union neighborhood of Los Angeles. This neighborhood is one of the poorest and most densely populated neighborhoods in Los Angeles. The mission of Camino Nuevo Charter Academy is to educate students in a college preparatory program to become literate, critical thinkers and independent problem solvers who are agents of social justice with sensitivity towards the world around them.

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