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Five Etiwanda School District Schools Eligible for 2012 California Distinguished School Awards

Five schools in the Etiwanda School District were recently named on the list of eligible schools to be considered for the 2012 California Distinguished School Award. Carleton P. Lightfoot Elementary, David W. Long Elementary, Grapeland Elementary, John L. Golden Elementary and West Heritage Elementary are the five eligible schools. A total of seventeen schools in San Bernardino County are eligible for this year's awards.

According to the California Department of Education, "in order to be invited to apply for Distinguished School honors, schools must meet a variety of eligibility criteria including designated federal and state accountability measures based on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the Academic Performance Index (API) requirements. The California Distinguished School Award identifies and honors those schools that have demonstrated educational excellence for all students and progress in narrowing the achievement gap."

Etiwanda School District Superintendent Shawn Judson proclaimed, "We are very proud of the work of all of our schools to provide all students with a high quality education. Even during these difficult fiscal times, our teachers, administrators, support staff and parents continue to work together to make sure all students have the opportunity to learn and succeed. The fact that these five schools are receiving an additional opportunity to be recognized is a credit to the entire school community."

Eligible schools will have until November 30th to complete their application for the award. Schools will receive a validation visit early in 2012 with award winners announced in April 2012.