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Etiwanda School District Governance Leaders Recognized for Outstanding Support of Middle Schools

Etiwanda School District governance leaders took center stage at the California Middle Grades Alliance annual convention in Sacramento on February 24, 2011, and were recognized for their outstanding support for middle grades education. On behalf of Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, framed recognition certificates were presented to Superintendent Shawn Judson, Ed.D. and the Board of Trustees of the Etiwanda School District for sustaining a middle grades vision for focused learning, continuous improvement and closing the achievement gap for all California's middle grade students.

The California Middle Grades Alliance selected these outstanding individuals and groups based on effectively working together and using the California Department of Education's 12 Recommendations for Middle Grades Success to ensure success and close the achievement gap for all of their middle grades students. Each team was nominated by a middle grades principal and endorsed by a second administrator within the district. The honored district governance leadership team joined twenty others recognized for promoting student achievement in the middle grades. Twelve additional district governance teams were honored for their outstanding support of California's newly designated and re-designated 2011 Schools to Watch™ - Taking Center Stage model middle schools.