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San Bernardino County Nets 17 California Distinguished Schools

SAN BERNARDINO – Seventeen San Bernardino County elementary schools have been named 2012 California Distinguished Schools, Tom Torlakson, the California superintendent of Public Instruction, announced today.

They were among 387 California public elementary schools to receive the distinction.

“I am extremely proud of the efforts of these outstanding schools to boost academic achievement for their students,” County Superintendent Gary Thomas said. “I applaud the work of the students, teachers, staff and administrators, as well as the district leadership, in being named a California Distinguished School.”

The San Bernardino County Distinguished Schools by district are:

Alta Loma: Deer Canyon Elementary;

Chino Valley Unified: Cal Aero Preserve Academy, Chaparral Elementary, Oak Ridge Elementary, Rolling Ridge Elementary and Wickman Elementary;

Etiwanda: Golden Elementary, Grapeland Elementary, Lightfoot Elementary, Long Elementary and West Heritage Elementary;

Redlands Unified: Arroyo Verde Elementary and Mariposa Elementary;

Rim of the World Unified: Lake Arrowhead Elementary;

Upland Unified: Magnolia Elementary and Sierra Vista Elementary;

Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified: Wildwood Elementary.

Initiated in 1985, the California Distinguished Schools Program honors elementary and secondary schools in alternate years. The award is recognition of the school’s educational program, including high expectations for all students, the implementation of state-adopted standards, and results in narrowing the achievement gap.

San Bernardino County Distinguished Schools, as well as those from Orange and Riverside counties, will be honored at a regional awards ceremony on May 4 in Ontario.

For more information on the California School Recognition Program, visit the California Department of Education Web site at www.cde.ca.gov.