

Shawn Judson, Ed.D.
 Superintendent
 Douglas M. Claflin
 Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
 Terry Embleton
 Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services
 Charlayne Sprague
 Assistant Superintendent of Instruction/Pupil Services
 Jean Martin, Ph.D.
 Administrator of Special Programs



Board of Trustees
 Brynna Cadman
 Cathline Fort
 David W. Long
 Cecilia Solorio
 Mondie M. Taylor

6061 East Avenue, Etiwanda, California 91739
 www.etiwanda.k12.ca.us
 (909) 899-2451 FAX (909) 899-1656

PRESS RELEASE BY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Schools Chief Tom Torlakson Nominates 35 California Schools for 2013 National Blue Ribbon Honor

SACRAMENTO—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced today the nomination of 35 California public schools for the coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools Program award.

"I applaud the principals, teachers, staff, and families whose commitment to learning has led to success in the classroom," Torlakson said. "Schools nominated for this significant recognition are performing at very high levels or are making impressive strides in student progress under challenging circumstances."

Schools are eligible to be considered for the 2013 National Blue Ribbon Schools Program if they meet either one of two performance criteria:

Exemplary High-Performing Schools: Schools that achieve at least the 85th percentile statewide in the percent of students scoring proficient or advanced in English-language arts and mathematics on the state assessments. Schools nominated in this category may or may not have at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Exemplary Improving Schools: Schools with at least 40 percent of their students from a disadvantaged background that are also among the top 10 percent of schools in the state showing the greatest improvement in the percent of students scoring proficient or advanced in ELA and mathematics on the state assessments over the last five years.

For additional information on Blue Ribbon Schools Program eligibility requirements, please go to the California Department of Education Web site at: [Blue Ribbon Schools](#).

Based on student population, California may nominate up to 35 qualified schools each year. Blue Ribbon winners are usually announced in September.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program is part of a larger U.S. Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices. For more information on the federal program, please visit: [Awards - Blue Ribbon Schools Program](#) [<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/awards.html>]

California's 2013 National Blue Ribbon School Nominees

County	District	School
Alameda	Hayward Unified	Burbank Elementary
Alameda	Castro Valley Unified	Jensen Ranch Elementary
Alameda	Fremont Unified	Joshua Chadbourne Elementary
Contra Costa	Byron Union Elementary	Discovery Bay Elementary
Fresno	Central Unified	James K. Polk Elementary
Fresno	Clovis Unified	James S. Fugman Elementary
Kern	Beardsley Elementary	Beardsley Junior High

Kern	Wasco Union Elementary	John L. Prueitt Elementary
Los Angeles	El Monte City Elementary	Columbia Elementary
Los Angeles	Lawndale Elementary	Environmental Charter High
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	Chapman Elementary
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	Community Charter Middle
Los Angeles	Compton Unified	Anderson Elementary
Los Angeles	La Canada Unified	La Canada Elementary
Los Angeles	Manhattan Beach Unified	Opal Robinson Elementary
Los Angeles	ABC Unified	Frank C. Leal Elementary
Merced	Planada Elementary	Planada Elementary
Monterey	Soledad Unified	Rose Ferrero Elementary
Orange	Orange Unified	Sycamore Elementary
Orange	Tustin Unified	A. G. Currie Middle
Orange	Anaheim Union High	Oxford Academy
Orange	Fountain Valley Elementary	Plavan (Urbain H.) Elementary
Orange	Fullerton Elementary	Robert C. Fislser Elementary
Orange	Irvine Unified	Stonegate Elementary
Riverside	Corona-Norco Unified	John F. Kennedy High
San Bernardino	Etiwanda Elementary	Day Creek Intermediate
San Diego	San Diego Unified	Kearny International Business
San Diego	Del Mar Union Elementary	Ocean Air
San Diego	San Diego Unified	Torrey Pines Elementary
San Diego	San Diego Unified	Standley Middle
San Francisco	San Francisco Unified	Chin (John Yehall) Elementary
San Mateo	Millbrae Elementary	Taylor Middle
Santa Clara	Cupertino Unified	William Faria Elementary
Santa Clara	San Jose Unified	Simonds Elementary
Sonoma	Gravenstein Union	Hillcrest Middle

###

Tom Torlakson — State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Communications Division, Room 5206, 916-319-0818, Fax 916-319-0100

California Department of Education
1430 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Last Reviewed: Thursday, December 20, 2012