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## **Four Etiwanda Schools Earn Gold Ribbon Honors**

The Etiwanda School District is proud to announce that *Caryn Elementary, John L. Golden Elementary, Cecilia Solorio Elementary and Terra Vista Elementary* have been recognized with the 2016 Gold Ribbon Award from the California Department of Education. Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, announced the list of California's 2016 Gold Ribbon Schools yesterday. "These schools shine as bright beacons for others, putting forth an exemplary effort to ensure that every student is ready for 21<sup>st</sup> century college and careers," Torlakson said. "California teachers are developing an education model for the nation, training the students of today to be the problem-solvers, inventors, and pioneers of tomorrow." The schools will receive their awards at a ceremony in Anaheim on May 10th.

Each of the four schools submitted an application describing a model program or practice implemented at their site that supported high levels of achievement for all students. Applications were evaluated by educators under the guidance of the California Department of Education. Schools with exemplary applications were scheduled for a validation visit by a team of local educators as a final step in the selection process. A group of schools with the highest scoring applications advanced as finalists without a validation visit needed.

The Gold Ribbon Award celebrates the teamwork, positive school culture, and focus on student success that are traditions in the Etiwanda School District. Congratulations to the teachers, students, parents, support staff, and administration of these four schools on this well-deserved honor.