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Three PUSD Elementary Schools Receive State Distinguished Schools Honor

Monterey Ridge Elementary School, Park Village Elementary School, and Willow Grove Elementary School have all been selected under the California Department of Education's Distinguished Schools Program. "I am extremely proud of the success of our schools in implementing their best and innovative practices for the benefit of our students. From STEM and literacy, to the arts and Character Counts, it really is a team effort by staff, students, and our community to create the foundation for college and career readiness." said Superintendent Dr. Marian Kim-Phelps.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson today announced that 287 elementary schools across the state are being honored in this program which returned after a three-year break, and replaces California Gold Ribbon Schools Program.

"These schools shine as bright beacons for others, putting forth an exemplary effort to ensure that every student is ready for 21st century college and careers," said Torlakson. "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."

Sponsored by California Casualty, the 2018 California Distinguished Schools Program recognizes California elementary schools that have made exceptional gains in implementing academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education. The schools represent examples of excellent teaching, learning, and collaborating, and successful school climate efforts.

The three PUSD schools and their principals Sal Embry (Monterey Ridge), Mike Mosgrove (Park Village), and Amy Huff (Willow Grove) will be recognized at the California School Recognition Program Awards Ceremony in Anaheim on May 3, 2018.

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