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Four PUSD Schools Receive Gold Ribbon Honors

Del Norte High School, Mt. Carmel High School, Oak Valley Middle School, and Rancho Bernardo High School have all been selected under the California Department of Education's Gold Ribbon Schools Awards Program. Poway Unified Superintendent Marian Kim-Phelps said, "These schools are an excellent example of PUSD's mission of ensuring college and career readiness for all students. Through dedicated staff and innovative programs, they are creating 21st century learners, ready for future success."

477 secondary schools applied this year. Only 275 were selected. Schools applied for the award based on a model program or practice their school has adopted that includes standards-based activities, projects, strategies, and practices that can be replicated by other local educational agencies. The award recognized elementary schools last year.

The Gold Ribbon Awards are temporarily replacing the California Distinguished Schools Program. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said, "The award reflects these schools' success in creating a positive learning atmosphere for students. Such success is a direct result of dedicated, creative, and talented staff, and a supportive school community." Please visit the [California Gold Ribbon Schools Program](#) on the California Department of Education's (CDE's) Web site for more information.

The four PUSD schools and their principals Greg Mizel (Del Norte), Greg Magno (Mt. Carmel), Casey Currigan (Oak Valley), and Dave LeMaster (Rancho Bernardo) will be recognized by Superintendent Torlakson at an awards ceremony on May 1st, 2017, and at the PUSD school board meeting on May 16th, 2017.

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