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Canyon Rim and Linda Vista Elementary Schools Named California Distinguished Schools

ORANGE, Calif., March 29, 2012 – Canyon Rim and Linda Vista Elementary Schools were each named 2012 California Distinguished Schools today by State Schools Chief Tom Torlakson.

The California Distinguished School Award program identifies and honors schools that have demonstrated educational excellence for all students and progress in narrowing the achievement gap. Superintendent Michael Christensen congratulated Principals David Appling and Sally Hughson, respectively, as well as all members of their staff, for receiving this highest of honors.

To receive an invitation to apply for Distinguished School honors, schools must meet a variety of eligibility criteria including designated federal and state accountability measures based on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Academic Performance Index requirements.

Once deemed eligible, the California Department of Education invites the school to apply to be recognized as a California Distinguished School. The application process consists of a written application, including a comprehensive description of two of the school's signature practices, and a county-led site validation review process affirming implementation of those signature practices.

Site visitations were completed in March and schools selected for recognition will be honored at award ceremonies where Torlakson will present each school with a 2012 Distinguished School plaque and flag.

This is Linda Vista Elementary's first recognition as a California Distinguished School. Canyon Rim Elementary first received California Distinguished School status in 2004. Linda Vista is located at 1200 N. Cannon St., Orange, CA and Canyon Rim is located at 1090 S. The Highland Dr., Anaheim Hills, CA.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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