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The Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) is proud to announce that ten OMSD schools will be honored under the Gold Ribbon Schools Awards Program.

"The Board of Trustees is extremely excited and proud to have ten OMSD schools receive the Gold Ribbon Award, "stated Board President Elvia M. Rivas, "The leadership, staff, and students at each of these schools have worked hard to develop not only exciting, challenging schools, but demonstrative strong student achievement. The Gold Ribbon Award is an affirmation of the fine work so many have done at the schools, district, and our community."

The District is proud to celebrate: Berlyn Elementary School, Buena Vista Arts-integrated School, Edison Elementary School, Elderberry Elementary School, Howard Elementary School, Kingsley Elementary School, Lehigh Elementary School, Monte Vista Elementary School, Ramona Elementary School, and Sultana Elementary School.

The California Gold Ribbon Schools Award was created to honor schools in place of the California Distinguished Schools Program, which is on hiatus while California creates new assessment and accountability systems. Nearly 6,000 elementary schools were eligible to apply this year. 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 Gold Ribbon Awards recognize California schools that have made gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education. These include the California Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics, California English Language Development Standards, and Next Generation Science Standards.

Each school will host community celebrations at their sites and will be honored by the Board of Trustees.