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Vina Danks Middle School Recognized as one of California's 2017-2018 "Schools to Watch™—Taking Center Stage" Model Middle Schools

Ontario-Montclair School District is proud to announce that Vina Danks Middle School has been named one of 22 high-performing California middle schools newly designated as model middle grades schools in the 2017-2018 Schools to Watch™—Taking Center Stage (STW™—TCS) program.

This program boasts that the schools that have earned this honor are being recognized for their outstanding work in keeping students engaged and motivated during this critical juncture in education.

Board President Elvia M. Rivas stated, "It is a distinguished honor to have Vina Danks Middle School recognized as a School to Watch – Taking Center Stage School. The staff, students and community of Vina Danks Middle School have worked extremely hard to create an outstanding middle school program that demonstrates strong student achievement."

Vina Danks Middle School Principal Yesenia Arvizu stated, "This recognition confirms the love, hope, and commitment from the entire Vina Danks Middle School community to ensure our middle school students receive a world-class education which will prepare them for high school and beyond."

STW™—TCS middle grades schools are high-performing model schools that demonstrate academic excellence, developmental responsiveness to the needs and interests of young adolescents, social equity, and organizational support. These model schools host visitors from California and around the world who are looking for replicable practices that will help them improve their middle grades schools and close the achievement gap.

The Schools to Watch program is sponsored by the California League of Middle Schools and the California Department of Education, in partnership with the California Middle Grades Alliance.

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