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### Ontario-Montclair School District's Vineyard STEM Magnet Honored as a 2018 School of TechXcellence

Vineyard STEM Magnet is being recognized by District Administration magazine for its MakerSpace program, in which students get hands on with the engineering and design process through the integration of technology and real world tasks. Students have access to 3D printers, CAD (computer aided design) software, robotics and engineering tasks appropriate to grades TK-8. The initiative fosters students' abilities to communicate effectively, collaborate appropriately, to think critically about real world problems and to find creative solutions. Students and teachers have a space where they can put into practice 21st century learning skills.

"The **Vineyard STEM MakerSpace** initiative underscores the importance of embracing technology as part of the education process moving forward in the 21st century," stated OMSD Board President Elvia M. Rivas, "the Board of Trustees is extremely proud of the Vineyard STEM community".

Vineyard STEM is one of only 22 schools nationally being honored for education technology initiatives as part of the Schools of TechXcellence program. This is the second year for this national recognition program.

TechXcellence was created by District Administration magazine, and sponsored by HP and Intel, to recognize schools that have implemented innovative, effective and replicable technology programs that contribute meaningfully to student or operational success. The June 2018 honorees were selected by the program's judges from numerous nominations, and reflect programs that demonstrate effective and replicable success.

The 22 schools and districts honored in this round of TechXcellence—from 13 states—have programs that incorporate technology powered by Intel, including laptops, tablets and 3D printers.

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