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### **Ontario-Montclair School District is One of Six School Districts Selected to Help Spearhead Statewide Community Engagement Efforts**

The statewide Community Engagement Initiative (CEI) has selected six school districts to join the groundbreaking effort to build capacity for meaningful community engagement in California's public schools. **The Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) is proud to announce that it is one of the six districts selected.**

The CEI is an integral part of California's new statewide System of Support, a key component of the state's accountability system. The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE), San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS), the California Association of Bilingual Educators (CABE), and Families In Schools (FIS) jointly lead the CEI.

OMSD, along with the other five districts selected will compose the CEI's inaugural *Peer Leading and Learning Network*, which will identify and analyze models, metrics, and practices of community engagement in order to help schools, districts, and their communities across the state build their engagement skill and knowledge.

The Ontario-Montclair School District possesses a deep, systemic commitment to community engagement and the ability to help the CEI strengthen the capacity of school districts and communities to authentically engage each other in difficult conversations and build trusting relationships.

Ontario-Montclair School District Board President, Elvia M. Rivas shared, "Community Engagement remains a top priority for OMSD and we are proud to have been selected as one of six (6) school districts in the state of California as a Peer Leading and Learning District in the area of Community Engagement. We look forward to working collaboratively to ensure our students are prepared to successfully access college and career pathways and provide our parents with resources to support their students."

Each of the six districts that make-up the CEI's inaugural Peer Leading and Learning Network have assembled teams which will collaborate together as part of the effort.

**"Our Community, Our Children, Our Commitment, Our Future"**