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Riverview Elementary named California Distinguished School

REEDLEY, Calif. – Riverview Elementary was announced as one of 287 California Distinguished Schools on Monday by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. The 2018 Distinguished Schools Program recognizes California elementary schools that have made exceptional gains in implementing academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education. According to representatives from the California State Department of Education, the Distinguished Schools represent examples of excellent teaching, learning and collaborating. Additionally, they have highly successful school climate efforts, such as real time conflict resolution and positive behavior intervention.

KCUSD Superintendent John Campbell said, "I am very pleased that the Riverview students, staff and community have been recognized by the State of California for their outstanding accomplishments. I believe Riverview represents all of our schools for the distinguished advances that are being made in educating our students, increasing achievement levels and ensuring a positive school climate.

Riverview Principal Josh Darnell added, "We are very proud of the talented students, outstanding staff and supportive families that have been dedicated to continuing excellence at Riverview. Riverview is thrilled to be recognized for our outstanding educational programs and welcoming climate that ensure that our students will be successful."

Schools throughout the state were invited to apply for the Distinguished Schools Award based upon their performance and progress on state indicators listed on the California School Dashboard. Indicators include test scores, suspension rates and English learning progress. In addition to the written application, teams also visited schools sites to select the honorees.

A recognition ceremony honoring all award recipients will be held on Thursday, May 3 in Anaheim.

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Kings Canyon Unified School District is a preschool through 12th grade public school system located in California's central San Joaquin Valley. The District serves approximately 10,000 students at 22 campuses and is geographically one of the largest school districts in California spanning more than 600-square miles. The District offers school settings which include K-5, K-8, 6-8 (middle school), and 9-12 (high school). Additional programs include preschool education, adult education, alternative

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education, vocational education, special education, a middle college high school, and an online high school academy.

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