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State Superintendent Tom Torlakson Visited Two Ontario-Montclair School District Schools

The Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) proudly hosted California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson on Friday, November 20, 2015, Mr. Torlakson visited two distinguished schools – Vineyard STEM Magnet School and De Anza Middle School.

Superintendent Torlakson serves as chief of the California's public school system and has expressed his passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education. During his visit to Vineyard STEM Magnet School, Mr. Torlakson observed STEM students using robotics, computer classrooms, learning gardens and science labs.

While visiting De Anza Middle School, students had an opportunity to personally interview Mr. Torlakson. During the interview, Mr. Torlakson talked to students about becoming 21st Century learners and citizens, as well as how to become college and career ready. Following the interview, students proudly shared their campus with him.

"Today I saw students engaged and curious in extracting strawberry DNA, creating robots, solving a mystery and engineering a paper tower. Working as a team, teachers, administrators and parents at the Ontario-Montclair School District are teaching students to think critically, work together and solve real-world problems. This type of education, driven by the state's new, more rigorous academic standards, is preparing students well for college and careers in the 21st century," stated State Superintendent Tom Torlakson.

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