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## **Solano County School Eligible for 2019 Distinguished Schools Award**

Mare Island Technology (MIT) Academy, a secondary school located in Vallejo, received an invitation to apply for the prestigious California Distinguished Schools award, from the California Department of Education (CDE). “MIT was the only school in Solano County identified as eligible to apply for this recognition, because they have made exceptional gains in implementing the academic content performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education for all students,” said Solano County Superintendent Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Schools invited to apply for the 2019 California Distinguished School honor must meet a variety of rigorous eligibility criteria involving multiple accountability measures on their performance and progress on the state indicators on the California School Dashboard. They are selected based on their submission of an application, including a comprehensive description of the school’s signature practices, and a successful application review.

According to Associate Superintendent of Educational Services and Special Education Andrea Lemos, “This is an honor and well-deserved recognition for MIT Academy to be eligible to apply.” The CDE reports that 208 schools were eligible and invited to apply for the Distinguished Schools recognition this year; winning schools will be announced in March.

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