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# **Six Solano County Schools Move Forward to the Final Selection Process in the 2017 Gold Ribbon Schools Award Recognition**

Fairfield – The California Department of Education reports that 1,008 secondary schools in California were eligible to apply for the 2017 Gold Ribbon Schools Program; 13 of which were in Solano County. Six secondary (middle and high) schools have moved forward to the final phase of the selection process comprised of a validation team visit from Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) officials during the month of March.

To qualify for the final phase of the Gold Ribbon Program, schools must meet a variety of eligibility criteria including state and federal accountability measures. The award recognizes excellence in education by identifying schools implementing exemplary practices. Elementary and secondary schools are recognized in alternating years.

The following schools have moved forward to receive a validation visitation from Solano County Office of Education:

Armijo High School, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District  
Benicia Middle School, Benicia Unified School District  
Benicia High School, Benicia Unified School District  
Buckingham Charter Magnet High School, Vacaville Unified School District  
Green Valley Middle School, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District  
Public Safety Academy, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District

According to Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Solano County Superintendent of Schools, “The Gold Ribbon Schools Award presents a wonderful opportunity for administrators, teachers, support staff, and students to showcase their outstanding programs and celebrate the rich fabric of teaching and learning found in our Districts.”

To learn more about the Gold Ribbon Schools Program, please contact SCOE’s Assistant Superintendent of Student Programs Victor Romualdi at [VRomualdi@solanocoe.net](mailto:VRomualdi@solanocoe.net) or 707-399-4432.

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