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# **Two Solano County Schools Selected for Exemplary Program Awards**

FAIRFIELD – Additional honors will be presented to 23 of the 275 middle schools and high schools, that received Gold Ribbon Schools recognition, for having an Exemplary Program in Arts Education, Career Technical Education, or Physical Activity and Nutrition announced State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson.

Of the 23, two Solano County secondary schools will be recognized by the California Department of Education with the prestigious Exemplary Program Award: Benicia High School, Benicia Unified School District, for Arts Education; and Public Safety Academy, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, for Career Technical Education.

Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Solano County Superintendent of Schools, commented, “The recognition of these two schools highlights the range and depth of curricular options students have in Solano County’s School Districts. We thank the two schools for serving their communities with model practices and for supporting their students with state-of –the-art programs.”

The Exemplary Program Awards were created in 2013 to celebrate schools carrying out the goals in Torlakson’s “A Blueprint for Great School” report, which provided vision and direction for California’s educational system. Solano County 2017 Gold Ribbon Schools and the schools receiving the Exemplary Program Award will be honored during a ceremony on May 31<sup>st</sup> in Sacramento.

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