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**Ormondale School Named a 2023 California Distinguished School**

Portola Valley, CA) – Ormondale School is pleased to announce that it has been recognized as a 2023 California Distinguished School by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond.

The California Distinguished Schools Award celebrates exceptional schools, districts, teachers, and classified employees for their innovation, talent, and success in supporting students.

The California Distinguished Schools program recognizes schools for their excellent work in one of two categories: closing the achievement gap and achieving exceptional student performance based on assessment scores, chronic absenteeism rates, suspension rates, and socioeconomic data. Nearly 6,000 public and charter elementary schools in California were eligible, but only 350 were honored with this prestigious award.

Principal Lynette Hovland shared, “I am delighted that Ormondale has achieved this honor. It is a true testament to the high caliber of our teachers and our high-achieving students. We feel very proud to be among the schools named a California Distinguished School.”

All 2023 California Distinguished Schools will be honored at an awards ceremony on February 16, 2023, and hold the status of a Distinguished School for two years. In 2022, Corte Madera earned this achievement and will be eligible again in 2024.

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