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## Solana Beach School District Schools Distinguished for Academic Success

State Superintendent, Tony Thurmond announces 2023 California Distinguished Schools, recognizing Solana Beach School
District schools

Exceptional elementary schools recognized - Solana Beach School District (SBSD) is home to exceptional elementary schools, five of which have been recognized in the 2023 California Distinguished Schools Program by State Superintendent, Tony Thurmond. These recognitions are a result of hard work, dedication to academic excellence, and the resilience shown by SBSD educators as they diligently navigated pandemic protocols imposed by the state for multiple years with urgent effects to physical and mental health challenges in delivering education. As a result, five schools were selected based upon data reported through the 2022 California Department of Education's California School Dashboard, including assessment results, chronic absenteeism, suspension rates, and socioeconomic data.

Congratulations to Carmel Creek School, Solana Highlands School, Solana Pacific School, Skyline

School, and Solana Ranch School for being among the three hundred and fifty elementary schools recognized! Superintendent Thurmond explains that, "California Distinguished Schools represent examples of not just excellent teaching, learning, and collaboration, but also highly successful, data-driven school efforts ranging from professional development for educators, to health mental and social-emotional wellness strategies to address the needs of students and families." Not only are these standards that SBSD



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schools embody, but they guide our educational professionals who routinely assess the needs of our students. With this achievement, SBSD is proud to continue to honor and celebrate our hardworking students, educators, and staff.

## ABOUT THE SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Solana Beach School District, nestled on the north coast of San Diego County, serves approximately 2,800 students. Instruction is rich, varied and innovative. Our emphasis is on core standards instruction provided through a continuous progressive curriculum. District schools consistently rank at or near the top in district, county and state accountability measures. Our students and schools have received numerous awards and have been recognized at county, state and national levels for a variety of accomplishments. Working together, our mission focuses on providing a safe space where learners find their voice, share their gifts, and advance the world. Unified is our district, centered on inspiring wonder and discovery in learning and life.