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## Trapp Elementary School Earns California Distinguished School Honor

**Rialto, CA, April 4, 2018** – W.J.C. Trapp Elementary School was named a *California Distinguished School* and the education community of Rialto could not be prouder of the students and staff of the 54-year-old elementary school.

“At Trapp Elementary, the extraordinary effort that our staff puts forth every day is a testament to our belief in our students and that together we can achieve success,” said Trapp Principal **Roxanne Dominguez**. “I am beyond proud of our Timber Wolf students, parents, and staff for their amazing accomplishment. I am honored to serve alongside such a dedicated staff. The destiny of hard work is always success.”

Schools that applied for the distinguished school honors were evaluated on a variety of factors including test scores, suspension rates, and English learner progress. Winners represented examples of schools that provide an overall positive climate of instruction, student and community involvement.

“Trapp is a unique school where teachers are constantly working collaboratively to adjust instruction to the individual needs of the students,” said fifth grade teacher **Rebecca Hollis**. I am honored to be part of this educational environment, with students, teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to ensure student success.”

Trapp Elementary shared the honor with 287 California schools that were recognized for their exemplary learning community and positive, student-focused educational environment.

**Dr. Cuauhtémoc Avila**, RUSD Superintendent, said, “The school followed the most successful approach toward educational excellence: high expectations, high work ethic, and a highly valued school culture that focuses on the individual needs of each student. We all applaud and congratulate Trapp staff for this magnificent and worthy State recognition.”

The 2018 California School Recognition Ceremony will be held on May 3, 2018, at the Disneyland Hotel, in Anaheim. Additional related celebratory events will follow the State recognition.

**Tom Torlakson**, State Superintendent, California Department of Education, released a statement honoring all California Distinguished Schools recipients: “The award reflects your school’s success in making exceptional gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by State Board of Education for all students by meeting state indicators as described on the California Dashboard. Your success is a direct result of your dedicated and talented staff, as well as your supportive school community.”

The Rialto Unified School District **Board of Education** will honor Trapp Elementary School staff at a future RUSD school board meeting, after the official State ceremonies.