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### JURUPA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES 2015 CALIFORNIA GOLD RIBBON AWARD

FONTANA, CA – State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced today that Jurupa Hills High School is among the 193 middle schools and 180 high schools being honored under the state's new Gold Ribbon Schools Awards Program.

"These schools are academically successful, vibrant, and innovative centers of learning and teaching," Torlakson said. "They provide great examples of the things educators are doing right—embracing rigorous academic standards, providing excellence and creativity in teaching, and creating a positive school climate."

"This is such an honor for Jurupa Hills to have their hard work and success acknowledged by the State," said Superintendent Dr. Leslie Boozer. "They are well deserving of the 2015 California Gold Ribbon Award."

"We submitted our application with our Theatre Arts program as proof of an exceptional program which validates our dedication to growth and student achievement," said Dr. Lorraine Trollinger, Principal of Jurupa Hills. "During the process, we had to prove that our students were showing exceptional growth in several areas. This award reflects our dedication, hard work, and vision for our school's educational community."

Schools applied for the award based on a model program their school has adopted that includes standards-based activities, projects, strategies, and practices that can be replicated by other local educational agencies. The new award is recognizing middle and high schools this year and elementary schools in 2016.

The Gold Ribbon awards recognize California schools that have made gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education. These include, the California Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics, California English Language Development Standards, and Next Generation Science Standards.

Because Jurupa Hills High School is also a Title I school, it will also be recognized as an Academic Achieving School. This additional recognition is given only to schools receiving federal Title I funds that assist in meeting the educational needs of students living at or below the poverty line.

The Gold Ribbon schools as well as the Exemplary Program recipients, Title I Academic Achieving Schools, 2015 Green Ribbon Schools, 2015 Civic Learning Award Schools, and the National Blue Ribbon Honorees from 2014 will be recognized on May 22nd in San Diego.

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(Photo from Jurupa Hills recent production of Disney's Mulan)