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Dear Principal Paige Cisewski:

Congratulations! is being recognized as a 2023 California Distinguished School. This is an exceptional achievement. 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. To select California Distinguished Schools, the California Department of Education (CDE) uses multiple measures to identify eligible schools based on their performance on the state indicators as specified on the California School Dashboard (Dashboard). Specifically, the 356 elementary schools who are being recognized this year were selected by analyzing data reported through the 2022 Dashboard, including assessment results, chronic absenteeism, suspension rates, and socioeconomic data. Information regarding the 2022 Dashboard is provided on the CDE California School Dashboard and System of Support web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/index.asp>.

As a Distinguished School honoree, you are invited to attend the California School Recognition Program (CSRP) Awards Ceremony on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California. Presented by the CDE, the ceremony is a celebratory day to recognize your school's outstanding achievements.

In addition to honoring the 2023 California Distinguished Schools at the ceremony, we will also honor the 2023 California Exemplary Arts Education Schools, 2022 National Blue Ribbon Schools, and 2022 Civic Learning Award Schools.

The deadline to register for the Awards Ceremony is Wednesday, February 1, 2023. The hotel reservations cut off for the room block is Monday, January 30, 2023. Information about the Awards Ceremony, including registration and hotel reservations, is available on the CDE CSRP Registration web page at <https://CADeptEDAwards.regfox.com/2023-california-school-recognition-program-awards-ceremony>

You can view the news release announcing this year's Distinguished Schools on the CDE News Releases Year 2023 web page at - <https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr23/yr23rel01.asp>.

If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact the CDE Awards Team by email at awards@cde.ca.gov.

I commend you on your success and look forward to seeing you in Anaheim next month.

Sincerely,

Tony Thurmond
State Superintendent of Public Instruction