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Two Chino Valley USD Schools Recognized as a 2020 Distinguished School Hidden Trails Elementary School and Liberty Elementary School earn highest educational award offered in California.

Chino, CA – Hidden Trails Elementary School in Chino Hills and Liberty Elementary School in Ontario are among 323 elementary schools throughout the state being recognized under the 2020 California Distinguished Schools Award Program.

The program honors schools based on performance and progress on state indicators as specified on the California School Dashboard. These indicators include graduation rates, suspension rates, test scores, English learner progress, college and career readiness, and chronic absenteeism. Elementary schools and middle and high schools are recognized in alternate years; therefore, Hidden Trails ES and Liberty ES will hold the title for two years. Both schools are eligible to be recognized as a National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Distinguished Schools Awardee.

Distinguished School awardees serve as examples of excellent teaching, learning, and collaboration in highly successful school climates that offer real-time conflict resolution and positive behavior intervention. Success in these areas also garnered recognition for our school teams with Liberty ES earning a Gold Recognition through the California PBIS Coalition Program and Hidden Trails ES earning a Silver Recognition.

"We're not only excited with the hard work and dedication are students put into their studies, but we're grateful for the devotion and effort our administrators and teaching staff diligently invest in student success," said Dr. Norm Enfield, CVUSD Superintendent. "Honors like the California Distinguished School Award are testament to the innovation taking place in CVUSD classrooms."

About Chino Valley Unified School District:

Founded in 1860, Chino Valley Unified School District serves approximately 27,000 students across 35 schools within the Chino Valley area. Home to 18 California Distinguished schools, students receive a rigorous, 21st century education in preparation for college and career. Thriving performing arts and athletic programs, nationally recognized marching bands and engaging parent-school partnerships distinguish Chino Valley Unified School District as one of the best school districts in California. For more information about Chino Valley Unified School District, please visit <u>www.chino.k12.ca.us</u>.