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### **Canyon Hills Junior High School Recognized as a 2020 School to Watch**

Chino, CA – Canyon Hills Junior High School in Chino Hills, CA, has been recognized as a 2020 School to Watch (STW) by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform in association with the California League of Schools, California Department of Education, and California Middle Grades Alliance.

The School to Watch award is presented to schools that demonstrate forward thinking and success in four specific categories: Academic Excellence, Excellence in Developmentally Responsiveness, Excellence in Social Equity, and Excellence in Structures for Success. Canyon Hills Junior High School engaged in an extensive application process that highlighted efforts taken daily by administrative personnel and staff members to ensure student connectivity with peers, teachers, academics, and the school site. The process included an on-site visit to campus where educators from across the state visited classrooms, engaged with students during lunch, and participated in a discussion that included parents, staff, district personnel and the School Board President.

As a STW awardee, Canyon Hills Junior High School will send a team of representatives to the state's capitol in March to provide professional development for educators from across California. A team of representatives will also attend the 2020 Schools to Watch Conference this June in Washington, D.C., to speak on a national stage regarding the transformative work taking place at Canyon Hills.

In addition to meeting the challenges of its student populations and sharing a strong, ongoing record of student achievement, Canyon Hills Junior High School will assist with selecting future STW awardees while guiding, advising, and mentoring staff from other middle schools on academic performance and improvement efforts.

#### ***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 [www.chino.k12.ca.us](http://www.chino.k12.ca.us).

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