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Dear Principal Finy Prak:

Congratulations! Middle College High in West Contra Costa Unified is being recognized as a 2021 California Distinguished School!

Presented by the California Department of Education (CDE) and sponsored by California Casualty, the 2021 California Distinguished Schools Program recognizes California schools that have made exceptional gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education for all students. In 2021, California is using a multiple measure accountability system to identify eligible schools based on their performance and progress on the state indicators as specified on the California School Dashboard (Dashboard). Information about the Dashboard is available on the CDE California School Dashboard and System of Support web page at <https://www.caschooldashboard.org>.

We will celebrate our California Distinguished Schools at a virtual awards ceremony in the near future. Please be on the lookout for an invitation with further details.

You can view the news release regarding this announcement on the CDE News Releases Year 2021 web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr21/yr21rel35.asp>

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, middle and high schools who met 2021 eligibility criteria have been named as California Distinguished Schools without having to go through the application process. We will resume the application process in 2022.

Additional information is available on the CDE Distinguished Schools Program web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/cs>. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Awards Team by phone at 916-319-0842 or by email at awards@cde.ca.gov.

Please accept my congratulations on a job well-done!

Sincerely,

/s/

Tony Thurmond

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