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Closing the Achievement Gap

The Villa Park High School community is celebrating our validation as a 2017 California Gold Ribbon School.

The Villa Park High School Leadership Team, in conjunction with our teacher-leaders, recently prepared an in-depth report inspecting one important hallmark of our school: The significant closing of the achievement gap. Our Model Practice was presented to a Gold Ribbon School Validation Committee on March 27, 2017. The validation visit was a multifaceted event conducted by staff from the Orange County Department of Education.

The Site Validation Team held interviews with district administration, site administration, site teacher leadership, site staff, parents, and students to help gather qualitative data affirming our Model Practice. The Validating Team also spent generous time inspecting quantitative data affirming our closing of the achievement gap. Finally, the Team visited a plethora of our classrooms observing live instruction that was effectively demonstrating and validating our Model Program.

The Validation Team prepared a comprehensive report. This report was then forwarded to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson for final approval. Mr. Torlakson announced his final decision on 18 April 2017, formally awarding the 2017 California Gold Ribbon School Award to Villa Park High School. This is Villa Park High School's inaugural Gold Ribbon Award.

We all would like to congratulate our teachers, staff, students, and families who made this award a historic reality for our school.