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State schools chief honors city schools' leadership in protecting undocumented students

***Torlakson recognizing Sacramento City Unified during town hall at
Oak Ridge Elementary School cafeteria Wednesday at 9:45 a.m.***

SACRAMENTO – State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson will recognize the Sacramento City Unified School District's pioneering Safe Haven campaign during a town hall **at Oak Ridge Elementary School on Wednesday April 5, 2017 at 9:45 a.m.**

In December 2016, SCUSD was among the first districts in California to designate its schools and facilities as safe from Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) deportation actions. In March, the district launched an unprecedented campaign to educate undocumented students and their families about their rights if confronted by ICE agents and redoubled efforts to ensure all students at every school feel welcomed and protected. Sac City is distributing to schools thousands of Know Your Rights cards as well as welcome banners and lawn signs and working with local organizations to help sponsor Know Your Rights forums at district facilities. In addition, SCUSD is asking students, employees and community members to pledge their support for the Safe Haven campaign.

Information, including the text of the December resolution and an infographic about SCUSD's Safe Haven efforts may be found at <http://www.scusd.edu/safe-haven-district>.

WHO: State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, Sacramento City Unified School District Vice President and Board Member Jessie Ryan (author of the December Safe Haven resolution), Oak Ridge Elementary School Principal Daniel Roller, 33 sixth grade students, parents, Oak Park staff.

WHAT: Town Hall where Torlakson will recognize SCUSD's Safe Haven campaign to educate undocumented students and families of their rights and to ensure that all students feel safe and welcome at district schools. SCUSD Vice President Ryan will represent SCUSD. Students and parents will also participate with Torlakson and Ryan, who will visit classrooms and the school garden after the town hall.

WHERE: Oak Ridge Elementary School cafeteria, 4501 Martin Luther King, Sacramento
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WHEN: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:45 a.m.

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