



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

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Dear Monterey County and District Superintendents, Charter School Administrators and High School Principals:

We are writing today to encourage your participation in a new Civic Learning Award for California public high schools co-sponsored by California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye and California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. The award program aims to raise awareness about the importance of learning about how our national, state and local governments operate as part of the curriculum in our schools and will spotlight successful efforts to engage students in civic learning and identify models that can be replicated in other schools.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye and Superintendent Torlakson will announce three levels of award winners acknowledged for Excellence, Distinction, and Merit selected by a panel of experts at a statewide civic learning summit to be held February 28, 2013 in Sacramento. Additionally, they will be joined by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who will be the summit's keynote speaker. Selected schools may also have the opportunity to meet with the Chief Justice and State Superintendent in Sacramento on February 28, 2013. Award-winning schools will receive a plaque, and the Award of Excellence winners will also receive a personal visit from Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye. Award of Distinction winners will be visited by an Appellate Court Justice, and a Superior Court Judge will provide recognition to schools receiving the Award of Merit.

The Monterey County Superior Court encourages you to take this opportunity to recognize your civic programs and educators by sharing the award details and application with them. The application forms, additional details, contact information and submission information for the award are available on the Court's website at www.monterey.courts.ca.gov. **The application deadline is December 14, 2012.**

Sincerely,

Hon. Timothy P. Roberts
Presiding Judge

Connie Mazzei
Court Executive Officer