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School News rollcall from Newhall School District features an article by Jeff Pelzel, Superintendent, as follows:

Newhall School District has three National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2019. Thirty schools in the state of California were chosen and NSD was the only District in the state to have more than two schools. The three schools on this year's list for high academic performance are Oak Hills Elementary, Pico Canyon Elementary, and Stevenson Ranch Elementary.

The coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content. Oak Hills and Pico Canyon are receiving this highly sought-after award for the first time in school history. Stevenson Ranch was previously recognized in 2001 and 2012. Principal Chad Rose shared "I am grateful for the support and teamwork of staff, parents, and students that allows for the accomplishments of our students earning us this award."

Now in its 37th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed recognition on more than 9,000 schools. Previously, McGrath Elementary (2011), Meadows Elementary (1994), Newhall Elementary (1994), and Wiley Canyon Elementary (2007) were recipients of the National Blue Ribbon award in the Newhall School District. As a first time recipient, Oak Hills principal Wendy Maxwell shared "I'm ecstatic for the hard working Oak Hills Elementary School community of teachers, students, and parents. This recognition for their continued efforts to provide the highest levels of learning and achievement is greatly deserved."

On November 14 and 15, NSD staff and the Department of Education will celebrate with 312 public and 50 non-public school honorees at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. "At the heart of this Blue Ribbon School is a community of adults that work to create a student-centered environment from the moment a child steps onto our campus!" added Pico Canyon principal Tammi Rainville.