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Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona to Visit De Anza Middle School in the Ontario-Montclair School District

From Monday through Wednesday, U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona will travel to Southern California.

On Tuesday, March 29, 2022, Secretary Cardona will visit [De Anza Middle School](#) in Ontario, Calif. with U.S. Rep. Norma Torres for a tour of the school including the Wellness, Arts and Technology Center. During the visit they will learn how De Anza Middle School is utilizing pandemic relief funds to expand instructional time and offer additional academic enrichment opportunities for students through health and wellness programs, Mandarin, Arabic and Spanish language courses, high school credit programs and coding/robotics offerings. These programs will extend the school day and provide summer offerings to help students recover from the pandemic while increasing academic achievement and social and emotional supports throughout the [Ontario-Montclair School District](#) (OMSD).

De Anza Middle School is one of 6 middle schools, 26 elementary schools, and 2 alternative programs in the OMSD. Included in the 34 schools are magnet and academy programs, each of which is uniquely designed to provide an option for students to become fully immersed in an enhanced specially designed course of study, and two alternative programs.

OMSD boasts California Distinguished Schools, Gold Ribbon Schools, International Baccalaureate Schools, a GATE Magnet, Science Magnet, Dual Language Academies, Arts-integrated Magnet, and many AVID Schools, as well as many other prestigious programs.

On Monday, Secretary Cardona will also participate in a fireside chat at the Summit on Improvement in Education in San Diego, Calif. which will be moderated by Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching President Timothy Knowles.

During his trip he will speak at the Carnegie Foundation's [Summit on Improvement in Education](#), where he will discuss strategies to support students and educators through pandemic recovery and reimagining education. Secretary Cardona will also tour several schools and colleges throughout Southern California. On these tours, Secretary Cardona will speak with students and school leaders about ongoing efforts to ensure students recover from the pandemic and connect to high-quality workforce opportunities.

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Secretary Cardona will then travel on Tuesday to [Río Hondo College](#) in Whittier, Calif. with U.S. Rep. Linda Sánchez. There, they will participate in a conversation with students about school-based supports that help to meet students' basic needs such as housing and food security. Río Hondo College was recently awarded a grant under the [Basic Needs for Postsecondary Students Program](#) which supports programs that address the basic needs of students and elevate practices that improve student outcomes.

Secretary Cardona will then join U.S. Rep. Sánchez and California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond for a student-led tour of [El Rancho High School](#). They will be welcomed by the school's marching band, then visit several classes to learn about the school's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) program. They will also learn how student and staff COVID-19 testing clinics have helped to mitigate the spread of the virus. Following the tour, Secretary Cardona, U.S. Rep. Sánchez and Superintendent Thurmond will participate in a brief press gaggle.

Secretary Cardona, U.S. Rep. Torres and Superintendent Thurmond will then visit the [Chaffey College Industrial Technical Learning Center](#) (InTech) for a tour and roundtable with graduates and school leaders. InTech Center – the result of a public-private partnership between Chaffey Community College and California Steel Industries – offers training, certificate, and apprenticeship programs in high-demand, high-quality careers. Following the roundtable, Secretary Cardona, U.S. Rep. Torres and State Superintendent Thurmond will participate in a brief press gaggle.

On Wednesday, Secretary Cardona will travel to Los Angeles, Calif. to visit with students and families from L.A. Unified School District. More details about that visit will also be released soon.

As the President of the Ontario-Montclair School District Board of Trustees, Elvia M. Rivas stated, “We are honored to welcome Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona and Congresswoman Norma Torres to De Anza Middle School and we thank them for selecting OMSD as one of his stops in Southern California. De Anza Middle School can serve as an exemplary model of the wonderful work that is taking place throughout the District by our hard-working and dedicated students, teachers, support staff and families. OMSD is a phenomenal place where all students are provided with unique opportunities that teach students to be compassionate and engaged citizens, lifelong learners, and critical consumers of information for success in high school and beyond.”

Tour of De Anza Middle School

Where:

De Anza Middle School
1450 S. Sultana Ave.
Ontario, CA

When:

Tuesday, March 29th
1:05-1:25 p.m. PT (*Time is subject to change*)
Please arrive no later than 12:45 p.m. PT

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