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MEMORANDUM

The NEW California School Dashboard

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Dear SUSD Staff,

As you may already know the California Department of Education has launched the California School Dashboard, an accountability and continuous improvement system to help evaluate student progress over multiple indicators in schools and districts. Please take time to become familiar with the Dashboard. Our Trustees and DLT have received training on this new information. It is important to note that the indicators listed below are addressed in our LCAP Goals. The implication for SUSD and all California school districts is huge in that we will be measured on the progress we make on the goals and indicators. Dr. Kotowski, County Superintendent, has released the following information for your review.

The California School Dashboard is available online for easy access and can be found at www.caschooldashboard.org. It replaces the outdated Academic Performance Index (API), which relied almost exclusively on test scores to measure progress. The School Dashboard is about more than one number, with equity at the heart of the system to support local decision making. California's evolving school improvement system is based on the expectation that all students will succeed. The Dashboard is a key element in the development of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the allocation of resources through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

The new California School Dashboard provides a wealth of information about the many factors that affect student performance. It serves multiple functions, including providing information for parents which highlights schools' and districts' strengths and opportunities for improvement. The Dashboard also helps educators to identify greatest areas of need in order to design and implement high-quality improvement strategies.

Easy-to-read reports on school and district progress make up the Dashboard. It provides information on several indicators of school and district success based on data collected at the state and local levels. Some of the data is from the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years and may not reflect current year performance. Data for some state indicators and all local indicators may not be available until the 2017- 18 school year. The California Dashboard includes both state and local indicators as follows:

State Indicators

- Chronic Absenteeism (to be released in Fall 2017)
- Suspension Rates
- English Learner Proficiency
- Graduation Rates
- College & Career Readiness (to be released in Fall 2017)
- English Language Arts and Math Scores (Grades 3-8, 11)

Local Indicators

- School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs)
- Degree of Implementation of California Standards
- Level of Parental Engagement
- Local School Climate Survey Results

The above indicators will now be reported as the intersection of **status** (how each school or district fared last year) and **change** (how much they have improved or declined).

Each indicator will be reported based upon five levels of performance. From highest to lowest, the categories are: **Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, and Red.**

BLUE GREEN YELLOW ORANGE RED



The Dashboard provides four types of reports for schools and districts with detailed performance information:

- Equity Report – performance level of all students
- Status/Change Report – current performance and change over time
- Additional Reports – year-by-year data for the state and local indicators
- Student Group Report – performance of various subgroups

Equity Report	Status/Change Report	Additional Reports	Student Group Report
State Indicators		All Students Performance	Total Student Groups Student Groups in Red/Orange
Chronic Absenteeism		N/A	N/A
Suspension Rate		11	3
English Learner Progress		1	0
Graduation Rate		8	7
College/Career		N/A	N/A
English Language Arts Assessment		5	1
Mathematics Assessment		5	4

Details regarding calculation specifications can be found in the *CA School Dashboard Technical Guide for the 2016-2017 School Year* (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/documents/dashboardguidespring17.pdf>). Data is available for all students as well subgroups including ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and English learner status.

The Dashboard does not provide detailed test results for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). That information will continue to be available at www.caaspp.cde.ca.gov and individual student reports will continue to be mailed home each year.

Sincerely,

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