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New California Schools Dashboard

Dear Parent/Guardian,

California is field testing a new website designed to help communities across the state access information about districts and schools called the California School Dashboard (<https://www.caschooldashboard.org>). The site features reports on multiple measures of school success, including test scores, graduation rates, English learner progress and suspension rates. The Dashboard is part of California's new school accountability system based on 2013's Local Control Funding Formula. It is the next step in a series of major shifts in public education that have raised the bar for student learning, transformed testing and placed the focus on equity for all students. To learn more about California's accountability and continuous improvement efforts, visit www.cde.ca.gov/dashboard.

Why a new system and a new tool?

The Dashboard is a key part of California's commitment to transparency and continuous improvement. California's future success depends on tapping into the potential of *all* students, so they graduate ready for college, careers and life. For schools to reach this goal, teachers, parents and the community need clear and useful measures of progress. As an accountability tool, the Dashboard will help the state identify schools and districts needing targeted assistance.

What's different?

In the past, accountability systems for districts and schools relied solely on test scores. The Dashboard provides additional information on different aspects of student performance, which will give a more complete picture of a district's and school's progress. The Dashboard also reports on growth to show a school's trajectory over time.

What's next?

The Dashboard is deliberately designed to be a work in progress with metrics and reports added over time. During the field testing phase, the state will be gathering feedback to make additional modifications.

The exciting changes taking place in education will take time to fully implement. While schools are making progress in many key areas there is always more work to do. The Dashboard is part of an ongoing conversation with our community on both how we're doing and how we can do better. Meeting goals will take a united effort, and we look forward to working with our families to ensure success for every student.

If you have any questions regarding the California School Dashboard, please contact Dr. Chad Mabery, Director of Data, Assessment, and Professional Development at 310-318-7345 x5980/email cmabery@mbusd.org or Dr. Brett Geithman, Executive Director of Educational Services at 310-318-7345 x5989/email at bgeithman@mbusd.org.