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Dear LEA Representative:

**PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE 2018 CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DASHBOARD, AND  
ADDITIONAL REPORTS AND DATA**

The California Department of Education (CDE) is pleased to announce the public release of the 2018 California School Dashboard (Dashboard). The Dashboard is available at <https://www.caschooldashboard.org> and it includes the following new features:

- **A new, user-friendly look** that makes complex data easier to understand and is mobile friendly. A fully translated Spanish version will be available in January 2019.
- **Two new metrics.** Schools, districts and county offices of education that serve K–8 students are being evaluated for the first time on school attendance via the Chronic Absenteeism Indicator. In addition, schools that serve grades 9–12 are being evaluated for the first time on the College/Career Readiness Indicator.
- **Grade 11 test scores.** Schools, districts and county offices of education that administer the Smarter Balanced Assessments in math and English language arts in grade 11 are being evaluated for the first time with a red-through-blue color on the Academic Indicator.
- **Dashboard Alternative School Status (DASS) Schools.** For the first time, the performance of students who attend alternative schools (such as continuation high schools and programs for incarcerated youth) are now factored into Dashboard indicators. Many of these schools are operated by county offices of education.
- **A new video.** The California New Dashboard – Let the Conversation Begin is a two-minute video explains why the California School Dashboard is the “ultimate conversation starter” and how it can lead to better planning and better results for our kids.

In addition to the release of the Dashboard, the School Dashboard Additional Reports and Data web page has been added as resource for districts and schools on the CDE

California School Dashboard and System of Support web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/dashboard/> and contains the following reports:

- **Five-by-Five Placement Report:** The Five-by-Five Placement Report identifies the specific performance grid assigned. LEAs and schools can use the information in the Five-by-Five Placement Report to identify, for instance, how much positive improvement (change) may be necessary for the Fall 2019 Dashboard release to move up a performance level (color).
- **College/Career Indicator Reports and Data:** The CCI Reports provides the number and percent of students who met each of the measures in the Prepared and Approaching Prepared levels of the CCI. Three years of data are now available: 2018, 2017, and 2016.
- **Participation Rate Report:** The Participation Report displays the percent of students tested by content area. The Every Student Succeeds Act requires districts and schools to test at least 95 percent of all students and student groups in English language arts and mathematics. It also requires states to factor the participation rate into the Academic Indicator. If a district, school, or student group does not meet the 95 percent participation rate target, the Distance from Standard (DFS) value for the Academic Indicator is adjusted downward.
- **The Student Group Report:** The Student Group report displays the performance level (color) for each student group on all the state indicators.

The California School Dashboard and System of Support web page also contains the following resources:

- **Dashboard Technical Guide:** The final version of the Dashboard Technical Guide is now available. This guide covers the calculation methods, business rules, and examples for each state indicator. It also includes the criteria and examples of how districts are identified for technical assistance under the Local Control Funding Formula.
- **New Flyers:** There are new flyers designed specifically for parents, such as "Getting to Know the Measures" and "How Dashboard Colors are Determined." Also new this year are flyers designed specifically for educators, which includes a flyer for each state indicator that provides information on how each indicator is calculated. Also available is "The Dashboard has a New Look" flyer that highlights the changes to the design of the Dashboard.
- **Downloadable Data Files:** The data files for the state indicators reported in the Dashboard are available for downloading in both Text and Excel formats.

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**Questions**

If you have any questions regarding this e-mail, please contact the Academic Accountability Unit by e-mail at [aau@cde.ca.gov](mailto:aau@cde.ca.gov) or by phone at 916-319-0863.

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