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### **The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Summary Data for Solano County**

State test results are in for over 32,000 Solano County students who took the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) tests for Smarter-Balanced English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in the spring 2018. On the ELA portion of the test 44.56 percent of Solano County public school students scored in the Standard Met or Standard Exceeded bands, virtually the same percentage in 2017. On the Math portion, 33.3 percent of the students met or exceeded the standard also showing similar results to 2017. The percentage of Solano students who met or exceeded the standard is slightly lower than the state-wide percentage in both ELA (49.88%) and Math (38.65). Within a broader perspective, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson underlined that a little over 1 percent gains were reported for both ELA and Math since last year. Beyond absolute percentages, a look at the performance of specific student groups shows persistent achievement gaps for students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, English learners and students of color. This issue is not unique to Solano county and the design of the California School Dashboard clearly emphasizes a commitment to accountability for all student groups. All our school districts address achievement gaps in their Local Control Accountability Plans and mobilize resources to move toward greater equity in educational outcomes.

“The Smarter Balanced Test results show that our school districts are holding on to previous gains in both English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics. Our districts are tackling the challenge of ensuring success for our students and preparing them for both college and career,” says Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

The results Achievement Level Distribution for Solano County Students are as follows:

<b>Mathematics 2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
39.02% Standard Not Met	38.95%
27.68% Standard Nearly Met	28.32%
19.63% Standard Met	19.84%
13.67% Standard Exceeded	12.89%

<b>English Language Arts/Literacy 2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
31.32% Standard Not Met	31.58%
24.1% Standard Nearly Met	24.88%
28.47% Standard Met	28.11%
16.09% Standard Exceeded	15.42%

In a changing educational environment where both college and career are identified as the long-term goal for instruction, academic scores are not the only element to measure students' success. CAASPP scores are to be understood within the broader context of the California School dashboard, which considers school's practices in supporting student behavior, emotional development, and employment skills. The California School Dashboard features several additional indicators including: chronic absenteeism, suspension rate, English Learners' progress, graduation rate, and college and career readiness. Parents can get individual student test scores. In addition, California provides the [CAASPP Results Web page](#).

A more comprehensive view of our districts' success, including a more comprehensive picture of gains toward educational equity, will be available when the updated Dashboard is made public in the fall 2018.

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