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## **NEWS – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **California School Dashboard Goes Public**

The 2018 California School Dashboard is available for public review. Since the adoption of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) in 2013, the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Collaborative for Excellence in Education (CCEE) have worked on developing and supporting the accountability system for school districts and charter schools. The previous accountability system was based exclusively on standardized tests, and the performance of districts and schools was represented by a single score on the Academic Performance Index (API). The new Dashboard provides a profile that emphasizes a broader definition of effectiveness and success, designed around additional state priorities including parent and student engagement, school climate, student attendance, student achievement, and college and career readiness. Each priority is represented by state measures, such as test scores on the Smarter Balanced assessment, indicators developed locally by each district, or a combination of both. Ratings for each indicator are expressed by a five-color system from red, as the lowest performance level, to blue, as the highest. The Dashboard is at the center of this accountability system and is connected to a vision of continuous improvement for all schools and districts. This year's Dashboard has been reformatted to share the information in a clearer and more family-friendly way.

With the release of the 2018 California School Dashboard, the state continues the implementation of the accountability model where specific school districts are identified to receive technical assistance and support from county offices of education. Districts are eligible for technical assistance if any of the student groups fall in the red (or red and orange for English language arts and mathematics) in two or more priority areas as indicated on the Dashboard. The state priorities calculated this year are the English and mathematics academics, graduation rate, suspension rate, college and career readiness, and chronic absenteeism. According to County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson, "Technical assistance from the Solano County Office of Education has been built on the collaboration that already exists with local districts to support their efforts in sustaining a system and a culture of continuous improvement. The notion of continuous improvement emphasizes growth and commitment to practices that have been found to be effective in supporting students' achievement and emotional and behavioral wellbeing. We look forward to continuing this work with our districts and schools to improve student outcomes in the County."

For more information, please visit the California School Dashboard website at:  
<https://www.caschooldashboard.org>