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The Newly Released California School Dashboard Vital to Solano County Office of Education's Work Supporting Local School Districts

Fairfield – After extensive field testing, the California School Dashboard is finally fully functional and will be available to the general public at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/dashboard/> on March 13th. The Dashboard is part of California's new school accountability system based on 2013's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and designed to show how districts and schools are doing on a variety of indicators.

The new California School Dashboard provides multiple measures and a more complete picture of students' performance and educational experience. The Dashboard includes academic indicators, progress of English learners, college and career markers, high school graduation rate, suspension rate, and chronic absenteeism. The academic indicator for measuring the progress of student achievement is the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) in English Language Arts and Math for 3rd through 11th grade.

Solano County districts and schools will use data from six state performance indicators to identify priorities for their Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP) and align resources accordingly. Performance on indicators is expressed on the Dashboard by five colors, representing increasingly higher levels of proficiency: red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. The different performance levels reflect both data from the previous school year and a measure of progress or decline over time. This approach, encompassing both static data and change over time, is the basis for a new model of accountability aimed at recognizing improvement in districts and schools that initially may have been performing at lower levels.

Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Solano County Superintendent of Schools, commented that, "while complicated, the California School Dashboard represents a step in the direction of an accountability system that appropriately recognizes improvement and emphasizes assistance rather than penalties for districts and schools." In the new accountability system county offices of education are expected to play an expanded role providing technical assistance and support to districts and schools by analyzing results and developing appropriate strategies. Estrella-Henderson added that, "the Solano County Office of Education is committed to supporting our local districts and prepared to provide assistance with the goal of continuously improving student outcomes." The Dashboard will be populated with complete data during the next school year as districts reflect on their profile and receive assistance with the ultimate goal of helping students achieve a high level of readiness for career and college.

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