

[School letterhead]

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The state has developed a new accountability system, the California School Dashboard, that will report on the progress our school and our district is making. The system will be available on March 15 via the Internet and can be accessed by visiting [www.caschooldashboard.org](http://www.caschooldashboard.org) from any Web browser.

These exciting changes taking place in education will take time to fully implement. The California School Dashboard is integral to our continuous improvement efforts, and we will be using the Dashboard in our ongoing conversations with our families and community.

For more information, please read the attached letter from the California Department of Education.

Sincerely,

Principal



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California is field testing a new website designed to help communities across the state access important information about K–12 districts and schools. Called the [California School Dashboard](#), the site features easy-to-read 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.

**Why a new system and 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.

**What's different?**

In the past, accountability systems for districts and schools relied solely on test scores. The new California School Dashboard provides information on many different measures of student performance, which will give a more complete picture of a 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: Metrics and reports will be added over time. During the field testing phase, the state will be gathering feedback to make additional modifications.

To learn more about California's accountability and continuous improvement efforts, visit the [CDE Dashboard Web page](#).

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