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## New School Dashboard to Build on District Success, Serve as Guide for Continuous Improvement

**FONTANA, CA** – The state this week released its field test of the California School Dashboard, a new accountability and continuous improvement system that allows Fontana Unified families and educators to explore and evaluate district, school and student performance.

The Dashboard – which includes graduation rates and school climate among its several measures of performance and growth – replaces the Academic Performance Index (API). The API, which relied almost entirely on standardized tests and gave schools a single score, was suspended in 2014.

The Dashboard provides parents, educators and the community with information on different aspects of student performance, giving a broader perspective of a school's progress. It is important to remember that the Dashboard is still under construction, with its official release scheduled for the Fall of 2017.

“This transformative tool will help us build on our success and target our efforts where they are most needed, helping our students overcome challenges and equipping them with the tools necessary for success,” Fontana Unified School District Superintendent Randal S. Bassett said. “It will also increase transparency, enabling our parents to examine our strengths and weaknesses and support us in our quest to improve in all areas.”

Five color-coded icons – blue, green, yellow, orange, red – represent a school's success on six state measures by averaging performance and growth data. A blue icon indicates high performance that is steady or improving. Red indicates poor performance that is declining.

For the field test, four state measures will be available: graduation rate, suspension rate, English learner progress and state test results.

Once finalized, the tool will add existing state measures for chronic absenteeism, suspensions, graduations and state test performance, as well as new ways of assessing English learner progress and college and career readiness.

The final tool will also feature the four local measures: school climate, parent engagement, implementation of academic standards and adequacy of school facilities. These measures track districtwide performance. Color-coded icons will not be available for these measures.

“As data continues to be added to the Dashboard, we will begin to see the continual progress we are making and the areas in which performance needs improvement,” Bassett said. “We are excited by this new tool and look forward to serving our students and guiding their path toward excellence.”

For more information, visit [www.caschooldashboard.org](http://www.caschooldashboard.org).

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