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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 7, 2022

**TO:** MEMBERS, State Board of Education

**FROM:** TONY THURMOND, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT:** Data Reporting for the 2020–21 School Year

## Summary of Key Issues

On January 7, 2022, the California Department of Education (CDE) and State Board of Education (SBE) jointly released student outcome data for the 2020–21 school year. This data provides a baseline of how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted schools and students. While this release includes 2020–21 statewide assessment results, the information in this memorandum is limited to non-assessment student outcome data, including suspension rates, chronic absenteeism, and graduation rates.

### Background

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the SBE approved the submission of an Every Student Succeeds Act waiver that provided flexibility for accountability and school identification, which includes decoupling accountability from this year’s assessments and waiving the requirement that the Academic Achievement indicator be adjusted to account for a participation rate below 95 percent as applicable. On April 6, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education approved California’s waiver.

Additionally, Assembly Bill 130 (Chapter 44, Statutes of 2021) suspended the reporting of state indicators on the 2021 California School Dashboard (Dashboard). However, the statute requires that available data that would have been included in the Dashboard are reported on the CDE’s website if they are determined to be valid and reliable.

A summary of the data reports including the most recent two-years of data comparisons for the 2020–21 school year are available on the COVID-19 Data Reporting web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/coviddatareporting.asp>. The following sections outline the specific data reports the CDE has made available on DataQuest and the Dashboard, respectively.

### DataQuest

The following most recent data reports and downloadable data files are available on the CDE Accessing Educational Data webpage at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/>.

* Graduation and Dropout Data, found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/gdtop.asp>, including the Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate and Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate data reports and downloadable data files
* Discipline Data, found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/distop.asp>, including the Suspension and Expulsion data reports and downloadable data files, along with the Restraint and Seclusion, found at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/filesrsd.asp, data (downloadable data file only)
* Absenteeism Data, found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/crabtop.asp>, including the Chronic Absenteeism Rate and Absenteeism by Reason reports and downloadable files.
* Stability Rate Data, found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/sr.asp>, including the Stability Rate data reports and a downloadable data file
* Cumulative Enrollment Data found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/filesenrcum.asp>, (downloadable data file only)

### California School Dashboard

The 2021 Dashboard reports local educational agency (LEA) and school contact information and enrollment data. It also displays local indicators that LEAs reported onto the Dashboard. In lieu of reporting state indicators, the following data, which would have been included in the 2021 Dashboard, have been determined to be valid and reliable and will be available on the School Dashboard Additional Reports and Data web page found at <https://www6.cde.ca.gov/californiamodel/>:

* Combined Four-and Five-Year Graduation Rate
* Dashboard Alternative School Status Graduation Rate (i.e., one-year graduation rate for alternative schools)
* College/Career Indicator Related Data

With the absence of state indicators on the Dashboard for a second consecutive year, the CDE recognized the need to produce a set of resources to assist LEAs with accessing data for local planning and for the development of their local control and accountability plans. To achieve this goal, the CDE has released a 2021 Dashboard Reference Guide, found at [https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/documents/refguidedashboard.docx](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/documents/refguidedashboard.docx%22%20%5Co%20%222021%20Dashboard%20Reference%20Guide), which identifies **where LEAs can access state and local data associated with each state indicator.** Updates were also made to the COVID-19 Accountability FAQs web page found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/covid19faq.asp> to inform on the implications of meeting current federal and state accountability requirements.

Furthermore, in the coming months, the CDE will release a set of FAQs to accompany the publication of the School Dashboard and Additional Reports and Data web page. Informational flyers will also be released to continue to apprise LEAs of key information and rules pertaining to the Dashboard. Finally, to strengthen the communication with LEAs, the CDE redesigned the existing Accountability Coordinator listserv, which serves as the connecting channel between the state and local levels. The CDE will be sending a welcome letter to these coordinators to address their role as liaisons and to provide them the list of resources that are available on the California School Dashboard and System of Support web page found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/>.

## Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

In May 2021, the SBE approved the CDE’s 2021 accountability workplan. (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr21/documents/may21item04.docx>).

In February 2021, the SBE directed CDE to prepare a waiver, which includes decoupling accountability from this year’s assessments. (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr21/documents/feb2124item02addendum.docx>).

## Attachment(s)

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