June 22, 2018

Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING GRADUATION RATE DATA RELEASE

On April 16, 2018, the California Department of Education (CDE) sent you a letter regarding several important changes to the graduation rate data collection and calculation processes. This letter is available on the CDE California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Communications web site located at [https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/cl/gradcohortupdate18.asp](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/cl/gradcohortupdate18.asp). Due to the changes outlined in this letter, the CDE announced it was delaying the release of the 2017 graduation rates until June 2018.

This email is to inform you that the CDE is in the process of finalizing the corrections that local educational agencies (LEAs) submitted to CALPADS. As a result, the CDE will not be releasing the 2017 graduation rate data in June 2018 as previously stated. Instead, the CDE hopes to have these data ready for release in late July 2018. The CDE will still provide LEAs with a private pre-release preview of the 2017 graduation rates prior to the public posting of these data on DataQuest, the CDE’s public data reporting web site located at [https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/](https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/). The CDE will also convey information about this delay and the updated release date to your CALPADS Administrators and Accountability Coordinators.

If you have questions regarding the reporting of graduation rates, please contact the Data Reporting Office by phone at 916-327-0219 or by e-mail at [DRO@cde.ca.gov](mailto:DRO@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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