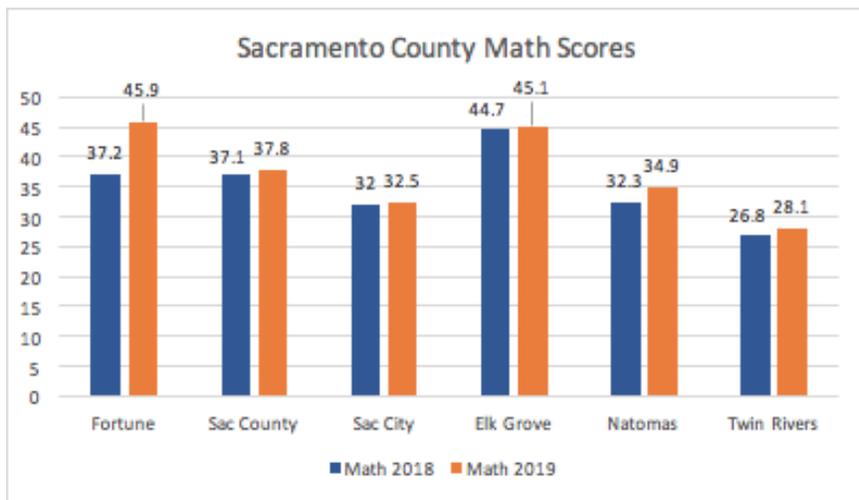
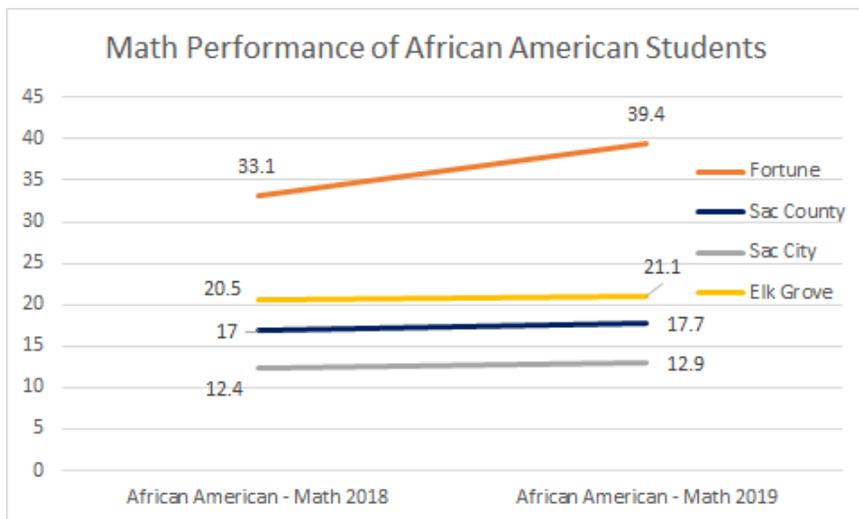


Sacramento, CA -- October 11, 2019 -- Fortune School announced today that Fortune scholars are among the highest performing students in the Sacramento region, according to the annual assessment scores released today by the California Department of Education. Overall, Fortune scholars improved 8 percentage points higher than all Sacramento County schools on the state-required Math test, moving from 37.2 percent of students meeting standards in 2017-18 school year to 45.9 percent of students meeting standards in 2018-19.



Fortune School is the second- highest performing school system in Sacramento county in mathematics. This is particularly noteworthy because Fortune serves 86 percent low income students and 99 percent African-American and Latino students.

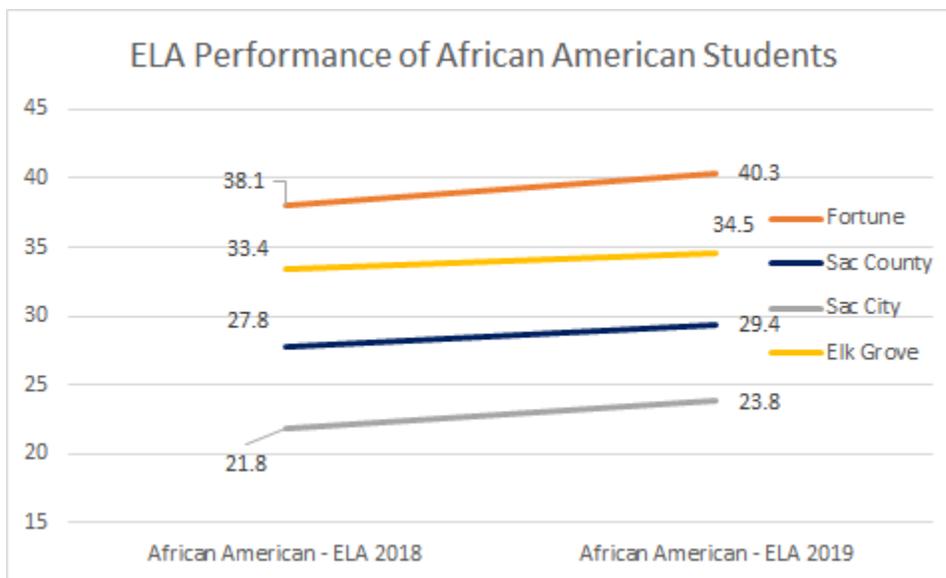
“Fortune Schools’ continue to close the achievement gap for African American students in Sacramento County and I cannot be prouder to have the Fortune network authorized by Sacramento County Board of Education,” said Joanne Ahola, Trustee, Sacramento County Board of Education. “The achievement gap of our African American, Latino and Native American students must be a top priority to ensure all students have the opportunity to be college and career ready. Sacramento County is lucky to have Fortune’s public charter schools serving the students throughout our community.”



According to the assessment results, 39.4 percent of African-American scholars at Fortune have met state math standards compared to 17.7 percent of this same demographic having met state standards in other Sacramento county schools.

“We believe it’s important to underscore the level of learning that is happening at Fortune School. Our scholars grew four times more than Sacramento County as a whole in English Language Arts. That’s saying this formula works and our schools are doing something right,” said Margaret Fortune, President/CEO, Fortune Schools.

African-American Fortune scholars, in particular, outperformed their peers in Sacramento County by 5.8 to 16.5 percent in ELA.



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About Fortune School: Fortune is a network of 7 tuition-free public charter schools in Sacramento and San Bernardino. The schools include: Hardy Brown College Prep, Fortune School, William Lee College Prep, Alan Rowe College Prep, Ephraim Williams College Prep, Hazel Mahone College Prep, and Rex and Margaret Fortune Early College High School.