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Dear PUSD Parents,

California is leading the nation with an innovative web-based tool called "The Dashboard." The former accountability model known as the Academic Performance Index (API) has been replaced by The Dashboard. Under the previous system, data about student groups was narrowly focused on test scores as an overall three-digit metric. The Dashboard will feature a "fuller picture" to help ensure greater equity among student groups. The Dashboard is the next step in a series of major shifts to enhance public education in California.

The Dashboard will help parents/guardians, educators, and the general public determine how districts and schools are meeting the needs of California's diverse student populations. The Dashboard will include other important factors such as high school graduation rates, college and career readiness, English learner progress, and suspension rates. Reports within The Dashboard will eventually display the performance of PUSD's student groups and assist in identifying strengths and areas in need of additional support.

California's new accountability system is based on a five-by-five colored table that produces 25 results using five colors. The report features the schools' (by district) and student groups' placement on the five-by-five colored tables. By using the California School Dashboard to develop Local Control and Accountability Plans, schools and districts will be better informed to align resources for student groups in need extra support. The Dashboard supports California's groundbreaking Local Control Funding Formula, which gives PUSD more flexibility in utilizing state resources through a targeted, data-driven, and needs-based approach.

Overall, the new information produced by The Dashboard will help administrators, teachers, parents and community members pinpoint specific areas to better inform bright spots and caution areas. The new system provides student group information on a variety of helpful indicators. The Dashboard is in perfect alignment with our District's Promise of Excellence Strategic Plan.

As we continue our LCAP Outreach Meetings, and our continuous parent engagement through PUSD's various committees, groups and organizations, your child's success in college, career and life remains our top priority. Should you have any further questions, comments and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school principal directly or my office.

Also, feel free to visit our website at www.pusd.org/dashboard for additional information and other helpful links about The Dashboard.

Respectfully,



Superintendent Richard Martinez