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Title III Accountability Reports show SCC schools outperform statewide peers

SAN JOSE, CA – Results of the 2012-13 Title III Accountability Reports, released today by the California Department of Education (CDE), demonstrate that Santa Clara County's schools outperformed their statewide counterparts in meeting their annual measurable achievement objectives (AMAOs), according to an analysis by the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Assessment and Accountability Department.

Results of the California English Language Development Test (CELDT), Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program and the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) are used to calculate the accountability requirements in Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Title III provides funding to California local educational agencies (LEAs) to implement supplemental programs designed to help English Learners (ELs) attain English proficiency and meet state academic and content standards, and requires that the state define two AMAOs based on CELDT results for increasing the percentage of EL students making progress in learning English and attaining English proficiency. A third academic achievement AMAO is based on Adequate Yearly Progress report.

Several highlights of the SCCOE analysis:

- Seventy-one percent of Santa Clara County LEAs met the 2012-13 AMAO 1 target, compared to only 50% of LEAs across California.
- LEAs in Santa Clara County outperformed LEAs across California in meeting the targets set for 2012-13 AMAO 2.
- Nine percent of LEAs in SCC met the targets for all three AMAOs, compared with six percent of LEAs statewide.

The entire COE analysis can be found at www.sccoe.org.