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District Receives Academic Performance Index of 807 *Surpasses State Target of 800*

October 11, 2012 (San Francisco) – The California Department of Education announced scores today that show the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) has surpassed the state target of 800 with a Growth Academic Performance Index (API) score of 807. SFUSD is now 11 API points higher than its 2011 Base API of 796.

“Surpassing the 800 API mark is a huge milestone for our city and our schools,” says Superintendent Richard A. Carranza. “San Francisco can count itself among only a few large urban school districts in the State that have exceeded the 800 target for academic performance. This achievement is the result of the collective efforts of many, including school staff, students and parents as well as community organizations that support children and families and SF residents, who time and again vote to support public schools.”

Over half of the district’s schools (52 percent or 51/98 reported schools) have an API score of 800 and above. School-wide API growth targets were met by 84 percent of reported schools, up ten percentage points from last year.

In addition to measuring whether or not a school meets its overall targets, the state progress report looks at whether or not subgroups at every school are meeting growth targets. Over half of the schools (55 percent or 54/98) met both their school-wide and subgroup API targets.

For English language learners, over two-thirds (68 percent) of schools met their subgroup growth targets. Of the district schools with statistically significant African-American enrollment, 11 out of 16 (69 percent) met their subgroup targets. For Latinos, 55 percent (28/51) of schools met their subgroup growth targets.

However, as the district did not meet federal “Adequate Yearly Progress” (AYP) targets for all subgroups, it remains in Program Improvement. In AYP, the federal government measures what percentage of students are scoring at proficient and above; and the percentage required goes up each year by about ten percent. The required percentage of students proficient or above for unified school districts in 2012 is 78 percent in English Language arts and 78.2 percent in mathematics.

California’s Accountability Progress Reporting

California’s Accountability Progress Reporting (APR) system measures and reports the academic success of the state’s nearly 10,000 public schools in over 1,000 school districts and local educational agencies. The system includes three major components: The Academic Performance

Index (API) Report, the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report, and the Program Improvement (PI) Report.

The API is a numeric index that ranges from a low of 200 to a high of 1000. The previous year's results establish the baseline and academic growth targets for each school's academic performance for the next year. A school's annual growth target is set at five percent of the difference between the school's base API and the statewide performance target of 800 with a minimum target of five points. By law, numerically significant student subgroups within a school must also make improvement for a school to meet its API targets.

Both the API and AYP are based on statewide assessment results, which were released last month. These assessments include the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program and California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE).

School API Highlights

The table below highlights some of the SFUSD elementary, middle and high schools with notable growth and performance this year.

API Growth for 2012		
	School	Growth
ELEM./K8	Paul Revere*	70 points
	Sanchez	68 points
	Charles Drew*	65 points
	Garfield	50 points
	John Yehall Chin	48 points
	Rosa Parks	45 points
	B. Vista/H. Mann*	45 points
	B. Carmichael	44 points
	G.W. Carver*	42 points
MIDDLE	Everett*	54 points
	Presidio	32 points
HIGH	John O'Connell*	71 points
	Ruth Asawa SOTA	66 points
	SF International	54 points
	June Jordan	52 points
	Burton	37 points
	Lincoln	25 points

Highest API for 2012		
	School	API
ELEM./K8	John Yehall Chin	987
	Alice Fong Yu	954
	Clarendon	944
	Ulloa	936
	R.L. Stevenson	931
	Lawton	928
	George Peabody	928
	Grattan	923
	Sunset	919
	Lafayette	918
MIDDLE	Presidio	896
	Giannini	879
HIGH	Lowell	956
	Ruth Asawa SOTA	874
	Wallenberg	802
	Washington	788
	Galileo	786
	Balboa	780
	Lincoln	773

* Superintendent's Zone schools