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**SUBJECT: SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TEST SCORES RISE ON CALIFORNIA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS**

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### **ENCINITAS - DISTRICT STUDENTS OUTPERFORM THEIR PEERS ON STATEWIDE TESTS**

Students in the San Dieguito Union High School District (SDUHSD) advanced in English and math according to recently-released results from the 2017 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). The exams are administered to all 7th, 8th, and 11th grade students each year in the areas of Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA).

District students outperformed the state and county averages by a wide margin. In ELA, 81% of SDUHSD students met or exceeded standards compared to 56% of students in San Diego County and 49% of students statewide. Math scores show 72% of SDUHSD students met or exceeded standards, compared to 44% of San Diego students and 38% of students throughout California.

"Overall, we are very pleased with the results," said Superintendent Eric Dill. "It takes an extraordinary effort to improve outcomes in a high-performing district each year. These gains would not be possible without hard working teachers, dedicated students, and a supportive community."

SDUHSD made progress in closing the achievement gap for students with disabilities and those who are economically disadvantaged. Both student groups demonstrated sustainable year-over-year growth in ELA and math on the CAASPP tests.

Scores for English learners improved in math, but fell slightly in English Language Arts. "We are going to continue doing what is working and make adjustments where we need to in order to address the unique needs of all students," said Dill.

Board of Trustees President Amy Herman was also satisfied with the CAASPP results. "In a district known for academic achievement, it is rewarding to see the momentum continuing to build. As long as we continue to focus on our priorities, great things will keep happening in our classrooms."

*The San Dieguito Union High School District serves 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the communities of Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, Cardiff, Rancho Santa Fe and surrounding areas. Covering 85 square miles, the district includes four high schools, five middle schools, and a continuation high school. Website: [www.sduhsd.net](http://www.sduhsd.net).*