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Press Release

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Etiwanda School District Students Achieve Top Scores on State Tests

(Rancho Cucamonga) – The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) results for the 2016-17 school year were released last week. The Etiwanda School District is pleased to announce that overall the district experienced growth, with a greater percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Math compared to the 2015-16 results. The scores, based on student testing on the Smarter Balanced Assessments given by schools statewide last year, measure real-world skills in the subjects of English Language Arts and Mathematics. For the Etiwanda School District, CAASPP reflects testing of students in Grades 3-8.

The district is very encouraged by the positive results. “While the Smarter Balanced Assessments are just one measure of student growth, the results show us that the hard work of our students and the support of their families, along with the extraordinary efforts of our teachers, support staff and administrators, are right on track,” stated Dr. Shawn Judson, superintendent. Judson also noted that “viewing data at the student group level will help focus the district’s efforts to reduce equity gaps”.

For students in the Etiwanda School District, highlights of the results in English Language Arts include:

- 68% of district students in grades 3-8 scored at the “Standard Met” or “Standard Exceeded” levels, the highest performing scores of any San Bernardino County school district.
- The 2017 scores represent an increase of 3% from the 2016 results.
- The percent of students scoring at the highest level, “Standard Exceeded” increased by 2%.
- All racial and ethnic student groups improved compared with prior year results.
- Etiwanda students outperformed the county-wide and state-wide averages by more than 19 percentage points.

In Mathematics, the results for district students show:

- 58% of district students in grades 3-8 scored at the “Standard Met” or “Standard Exceeded” levels, the highest performing scores of any San Bernardino County school district.
- The 2017 scores represent an increase of 3% from the 2016 results.
- The percent of students scoring at the highest level, “Standard Exceeded” increased by 4%.
- All racial and ethnic student groups demonstrated increased test scores from the prior year.
- Etiwanda students outperformed the county-wide and state-wide averages by more than 20 percentage points.

Teachers and administrators will use the assessment results to identify areas of strength and areas for instructional focus as they prepare students for success in high school, college and career. In addition, scores will be used to assist students who are not yet meeting standards and to address any achievement gaps for student groups.

Additional information regarding the CAASPP assessments and results are available at <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov/>.

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About Etiwanda School District: The Etiwanda School District has provided ‘Excellence in Education’ for students since its beginning in 1883. The District has grown from a rural one-school district to a mid-sized suburban district that provides an exemplary instructional program for approximately 14,100 students at 17 school sites: thirteen (K-5) elementary schools and four (6-8) middle schools. The District also offers a Preschool Program and Transitional Kindergarten. The rich history of the Etiwanda school system and the value of education have always played an important role in this community.

The Etiwanda School District is dedicated to promoting high standards in curriculum, instruction, performance and personal growth. It is our goal that each student achieves academic excellence and develops respect for self and others, so that they become contributing members of our culturally diverse society. The responsibility for the development of these qualities in all students is accomplished through a cooperative effort among students, parents, staff and community.