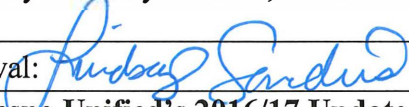



FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD COMMUNICATION

BC Number: EA-1

From the Office of the Superintendent	Date: July 27, 2018
To the Members of the Board of Education	
Prepared by: Lindsay Sanders, Chief of Equity and Access	Phone Number: 457-3471
Data Reviewed by: Lindsay Sanders, Chief of Equity & Access	Phone Number: 457-3471
Cabinet Approval: 	
Regarding: Fresno Unified's 2016/17 Updated Graduation Rates	
<p>The purpose of the communication is to provide the Board Fresno Unified's updated 2016/17 graduation rates.</p> <p>On July 26, 2018, the California Department of Education released an updated graduation rate for the 2016/17 school year. The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Inspector General conducted an audit and concluded the state should be determining graduation rates according to federal requirements. In response, the California Department of Education found that the updated graduation rates statewide would likely result in a 2-3% decrease. Fresno Unified's updated graduation rate for 2016/17 is 82% down from 85.5% (2015/16).</p> <p>The key finding in the audit was that California counted students who transferred to programs that did not lead to a regular high school diploma. In order to align with the federal guidelines, California Department of Education changed the graduation calculation to disallow the removal of students from their cohort when transferring to a program that does not lead to traditional high school diploma. Students leaving high school on the basis of going to adult school or passing the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE), formally known as the General Education Diploma (GED) are no longer removed from the high school graduation rate calculation; therefore, these students are categorized as not graduating.</p> <p>Attached you will find data slides to provide an overview of Fresno Unified's 2016/17 updated Graduation Rate as determined by the California Department of Education.</p> <p>If you have further questions or require additional information, please contact Lindsay Sanders at 457-3471.</p>	
Approved by Superintendent: Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D. 	Date: <u>7/27/18</u>

2016-17 COHORT GRADUATION RATE



Embargoed 2016-17 Cohort Graduation Rate

- District-Only Internet Private Preview of the Embargoed 2016–17 Cohort Outcome Data Derived from CALPADS Student-level Data
- Public release is Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 10 am

January 2018 - Federal Audit Finds Problems with California's Graduation Rate Calculations

- U.S. Education Department's Office of Inspector General looked at samples of graduation-rate data from the class of 2013-14 and found that quality control was lacking in self-reporting by school districts
- State "did not have controls in place to oversee or monitor" graduation data and that state officials didn't make sure local information was accurate or that all students counted met graduation requirements
- State education officials also did not calculate graduation rates "in accordance with federal requirements"
- California officials incorrectly counted students who "transferred to programs that did not lead to a regular high school diploma." Leaving them out, auditors said, would lower the state's graduation rate by about 2 percentage points

California Department of Education's Response to Audit Findings

- Disallow the removal of students from their cohort when they transfer to a program that does not lead to a traditional high school diploma, such as adult education programs
- CDE: “The OIG found that students exiting high school on the basis of receiving an Adult Education high school diploma or passing the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) should not be counted as completing high school with a regular high school diploma, as they do not meet the federal definition of a ‘regular high school diploma.’”

2016-17 Cohort Graduation Rates-Overall

	2015-16	2016-17	Difference
Fresno Unified School District	85.5%	82.0%	-3.5%
Fresno County	83.4%	80.8%	-2.6%
California	83.8%	82.7%	-1.1%

2016-17 Cohort Graduation Rates—Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2015-16	2016-17	Difference
African American	80.9%	77.1%	-3.8%
American Indian or Alaska Native	73.9%	73.1%	-0.8%
Asian	91.2%	89.8%	-1.4%
Filipino	87.5%	89.3%	+1.8%
Hispanic or Latino	85.7%	81.0%	-4.7%
Pacific Islander	92.3%	81.8%	-10.5%
Two or More Races	85.3%	81.8%	-3.5%
White	82.3%	83.9%	+1.6%

2016-17 Cohort Graduation Rates—Program Groups

Program Groups	2015-16	2016-17	Difference
English Learners	77.9%	71.9%	-6.0%
Foster	75.0%	55.8%	-19.2%
Homeless	N/A	63.5%	----
Migrant	84.4%	76.3%	-8.1%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	85.0%	80.6%	-4.4%
Students with Disabilities	57.7%	52.9%	-4.8%

2016-17 Cohort Graduation Rates

Schools	2015-16	2016-17	Difference
Bullard	92.8%	93.7%	+0.9%
Design Science	100%	100.0%	0.0%
Cambridge	50.95%	30.7%	-20.25%
Dewolf Continuation	41.94%	43.0%	+1.06%
Edison	94.4%	94.1%	-0.3%
Erma. Duncan Polytechnical	98%	99.1%	+1.1%
Florence E. Rata	0.0%*	---*	N/A
Fulton Special Education	100%*	27.3%	-72.7%

*An asterisk appears on CDE report as the number of students are 10 or fewer

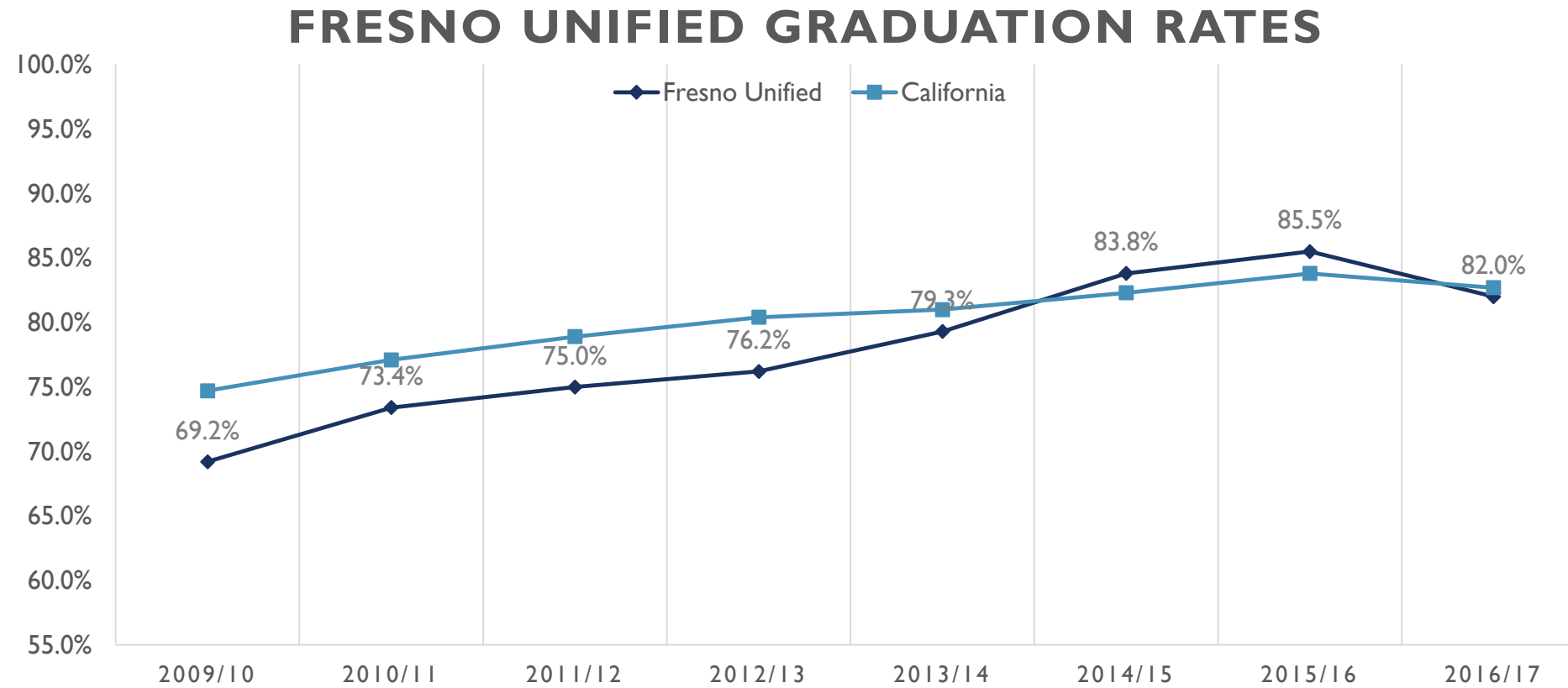
2016-17 Cohort Graduation Rates Continued...

Schools	2015-16	2016-17	Difference
Fresno	92.3%	91.9%	-0.4%
Herbert Hoover	90.9%	86.5%	-4.4%
J.E.Young Academic Center	44.97%	57.0%	+12.03%
McLane	89.1%	88.0%	-1.1%
Phoenix Secondary	50.0%	38.5%	-11.5%
Roosevelt	87%	86.9%	-0.1%
Sunnyside	92.9%	93.1%	+0.2%

Embargoed 2016-17 Cohort Graduation Rates for Charter Schools

Schools	2015-16	2016-17	Difference
Carter G. Woodson	31.0%	35.3%	+4.3%
School of Unlimited Learning	34.2%	43.4%	+9.2%
Sierra Charter	59.8%	56.8%	-3.0%
University High	98.3%	97.3%	-1.0%

Fresno Unified Graduation Rates—Multi-Year Trend

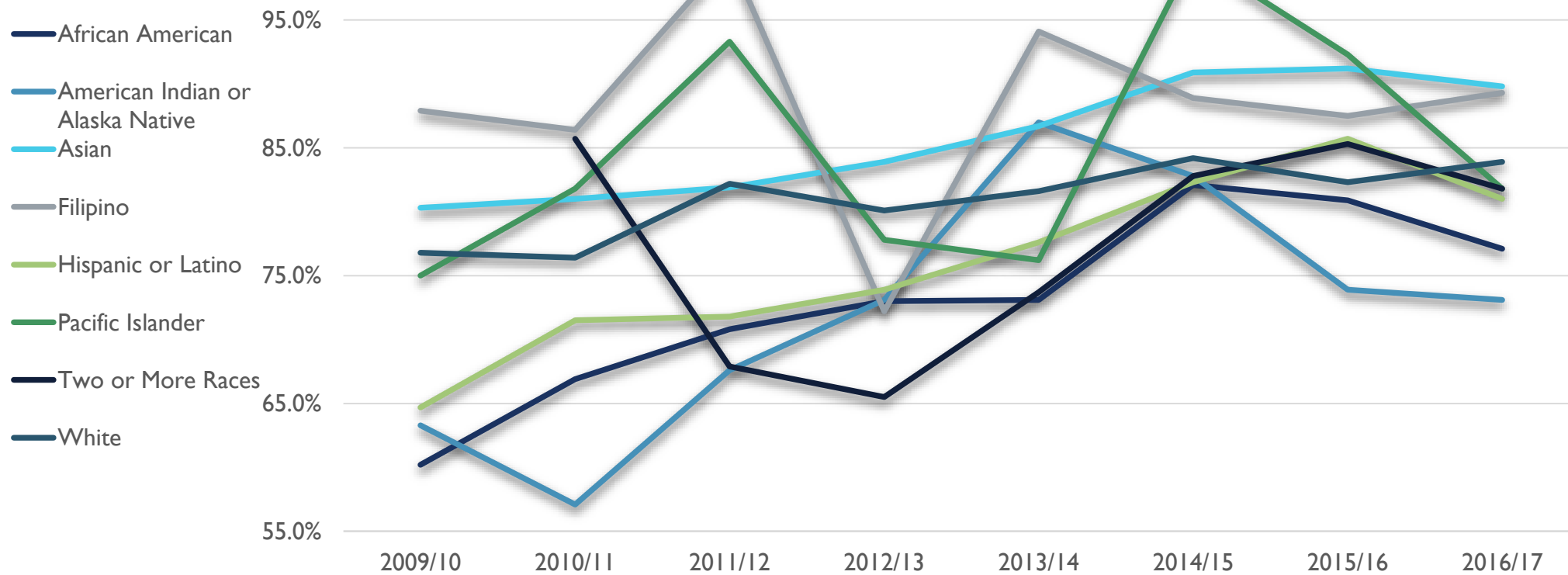


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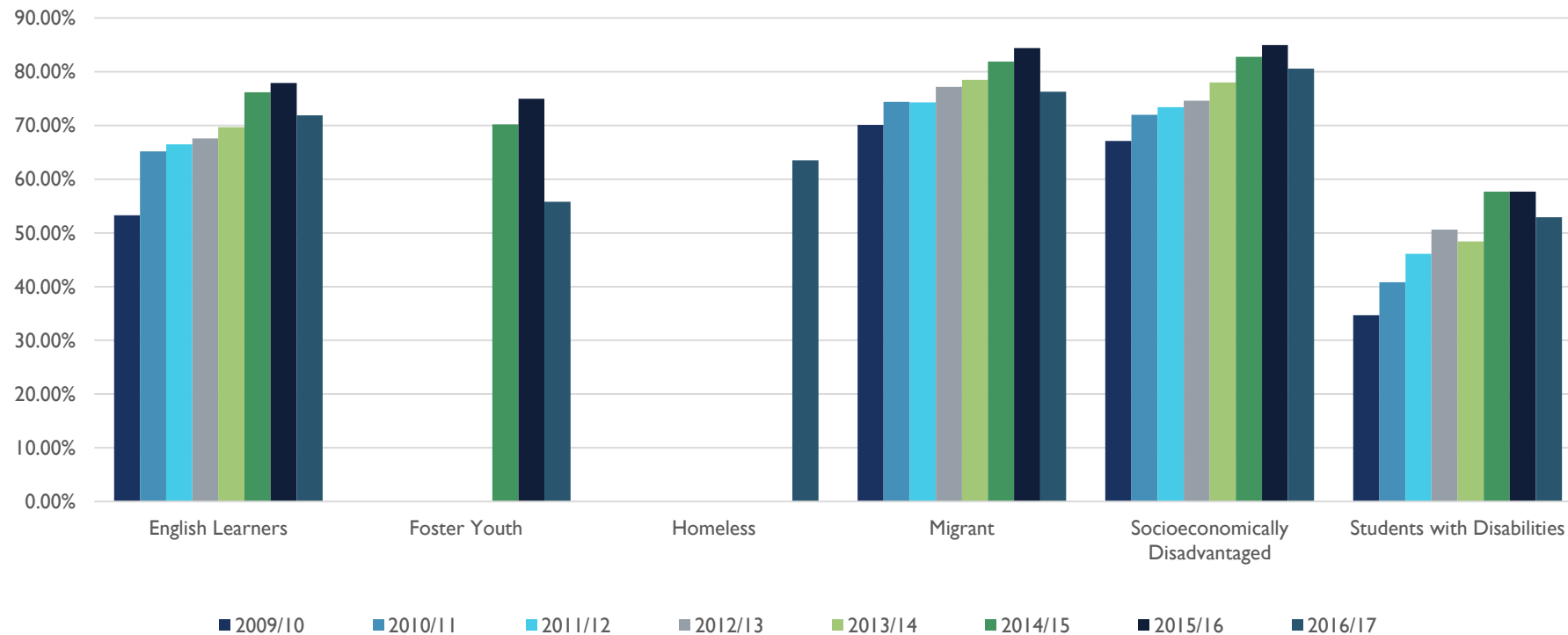
Fresno Unified Race/Ethnicity Graduation Rate—Multi-Year Trend

Fresno Unified Race/Ethnicity Graduation Rates

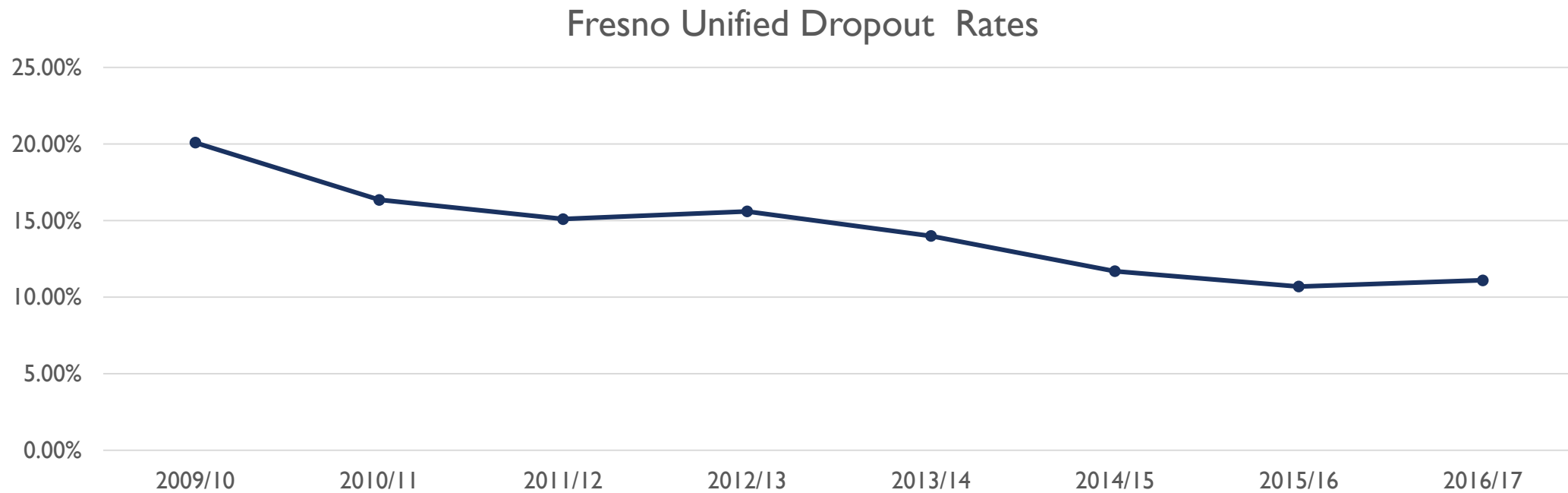


Fresno Unified Program Groups' Graduation Rates—Multi-Year Trend

Fresno Unified Program Groups' Graduation Rates



Fresno Unified Dropout Rates—Multi-Year Trend

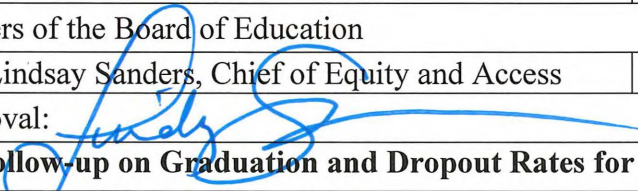



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**FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD COMMUNICATION**

BC Number: EA- 1

From the Office of the Superintendent	Date: August 24, 2018
To the Members of the Board of Education	
Prepared by: Lindsay Sanders, Chief of Equity and Access	Phone Number: 457-3471
Cabinet Approval: 	
Regarding: Follow-up on Graduation and Dropout Rates for 2016/17	
<p>The purpose of the communication is to provide the Board an updated report on 2016/17 graduation and dropout rates including and excluding charter schools.</p> <p>Attached you will find data slides that provide both graduation and dropout rates for Fresno Unified which exclude and include charters.</p> <p>If you have further questions or require additional information, please contact Lindsay Sanders at 457-3471.</p>	
<p>Approved by Superintendent: _____ Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D.  Date: <u>8/24/18</u></p>	



Fresno Unified School District

2016/17 COHORT GRADUATION & DROPOUT RATE INCLUDING & EXCLUDING CHARTER DATA

AUGUST 22, 2018

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2016/17 Cohort Graduation Rates-Overall

Rate Excluding Charters

Fresno Unified School District	84.3%
Fresno County	86.3%
California	86.6%

Rate Including Charters

Fresno Unified School District	82.0%
Fresno County	80.8%
California	82.7%

Note: CDE states “the methodology used to calculate the four-year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) for the graduating classes of 2010-2016 is not consistent published non-regulatory guidance from the U.S Department of Education. The CDE has since modified the four-year ACGR calculation methodology to fully align with currently published non-regulatory guidance effective for the graduating class of 2017 forward. As a result, the CDE strongly recommends against comparing the four-year ACGR for 2010-2016.

2016/17 Cohort Graduation Rates—Race/Ethnicity

Rate Excluding Charters	
African American	79.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	81.0%
Asian	91.3%
Filipino	87.5%
Hispanic or Latino	83.6%
Pacific Islander	81.8%
Two or More Races	85.8%
White	82.9%
All Students	84.3%

Rate Including Charters	
African American	77.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	73.1%
Asian	89.8%
Filipino	89.3%
Hispanic or Latino	81.0%
Pacific Islander	81.8%
Two or More Races	81.8%
White	83.9%
All Students	82.0%

2016/17 Cohort Graduation Rates—Program Groups

Rate Excluding Charters

English Learners	73.1%
Foster Youth	60.0%
Homeless Youth	67.4%
Migrant Education	77.9%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	83.4%
Students with Disabilities	54.7%
All Students	84.3%

Rate Including Charters

English Learners	71.9%
Foster Youth	55.8%
Homeless Youth	63.5%
Migrant Education	76.3%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	80.6%
Students with Disabilities	52.9%
All Students	82.0%

2016/17 Cohort Dropout Rates-Overall

Rate Excluding Charters

Fresno Unified School District	10.3%
Fresno County	7.2%
California	6.7%

Rate Including Charters

Fresno Unified School District	11.0%
Fresno County	10.0%
California	9.1%