

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Randall Booker, Superintendent
Stephanie Griffin, Director of Instructional Technology

DATE: January 21, 2022

RE: School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)

I. SUPPORT INFORMATION

In November 1988, California voters passed [Proposition 98](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/prop98.asp), also known as The Classroom Instructional Improvement and Accountability Act (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/prop98.asp>). This ballot initiative provided California's public schools with a stable source of funding and also required all public schools in California to prepare School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) and disseminate them to the public. A similar requirement is also contained in the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) are intended to provide the public with important information about each public school conveniently compiled in one report.

A variety of formats for SARCs exist. In Piedmont, we use an approved template that begins with general school background information and then reports on a variety of aspects, several of which are aligned with state LCAP priorities. State law requires that the SARC contain all of the following:

- Student Demographics
- Conditions of Learning, including Teacher Credentialing
- Curriculum and Instructional Materials
- School Facilities and Safety
- Student Performance and Accountability
- Parent Involvement
- School Climate, including Suspension Rates
- Teacher and staff information
- Class Size
- Professional Development
- School and District Finances
- School Completion and Post-secondary Preparation

SARCs report on the school's previous year, but contain information from past years and the current year. While test results and demographics are from the previous school year, William's Act instructional materials sufficiency reports and facility information are all based on the current year status.

This year, with impacts from the pandemic, some data published in School Accountability Report Cards has been delayed. For example, CAASPP results were just released in January 2022 and imported into all the SARCs in the state on January 16th. Another delayed data point will be information about teacher vacancies and misassignments. This data was previously compiled locally and reported, but a new state system tying together the state teacher credentialing commission (CTC) and data from the California Longitudinal Pupil Accountability Data System (CALPADS) will be used going forward. The new system identifies misassignments between teacher credentials, classes taught, and students in each class, specifically English Learners. This data is delayed and will not be populated by the February 1st legislative deadline for posting. The state expects to populate all School Accountability Report Cards with this data mid-February and updated SARCs will be posted with that data then. No additional steps from the school board will be needed.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the SARC's do not include any testing information from the 19-20 school year and the 20-21 CAASPP results come with an asterisk as they can not be compared to previous years.

Schools are required to update their SARCs annually and have them approved for the public by February 1 of each year. PUSD SARCs are posted on the district website at

<http://www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/district-info/academic-performance> and are available in hard copy at the district office. The CDE also maintains a [Find a SARC web page](#) where SARC's from any school in the state can be found. For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.

Additional data on our district and schools is publically available online at:

- CAASPP results <https://caaspp-elpac.cde.ca.gov/caaspp/>
- California Dashboard <http://www.cadashboard.org>
- Dataquest <https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>

II. **RECOMMENDATION: REVIEW and ACTION**

Review the 2020-2021 SARCs and approve them for posting.