

SYSTEMS AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 14, 2018, 2:00-3:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA 94533

CALL TO ORDER

I. Introductions, Public Comment, Commissioner Comment

II. Consent Calendar

Action

- A. Approve the November 14, 2018 SPC Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve the September 19, 2018 SPC Meeting Minutes
- C. Receive the Commissioner Meeting Attendance Status Report

III. Program Updates

Action

Receive program updates on the following:

- A. **Motion:** Consider a recommendation to redirect \$100,000 annually in the 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan from well child check-up utilization to developmental screenings

Michele Harris, Executive Director

- B. **Motion:** Consider a recommendation to allocate \$40,000 in FY2018/19 to Solano County Health & Social Services Public Health Division for dental services

(Source of Funds 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan, Unallocated Funds)

- C. Receive the 2018 Pre-Kindergarten Academies Report
- D. Receive an update on the Annual Grants Program

Juanita Morales, Program Manager

IV. First 5 Center Vallejo Update

Action

- A. Receive an update on the First 5 Center Vallejo
- B. **Motion:** Consider a recommendation to allocate \$120,000 to Fighting Back Partnership to continue services in Vallejo January-December 2019

(Source of Funds 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan, Family Support Funds)

Michele Harris, Executive Director

V. Systems Change Update

Information

Receive an update on:

- A. First 5 Solano Legislative Platform
- B. Systems Change Implementation Plan Activities

Lorraine Fernandez, Program Manager

VI. Data Update

Information

Receive follow up data on Community Indicators

Michele Harris, Executive Director

VII. First 5 Solano Staffing and Finance Update

Information

Receive a report on First 5 Solano staffing and financials

Megan Richards, Deputy Director

VIII. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location

Information

The Systems and Policy Committee is scheduled to meet next on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, at 601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA. Future agenda items include: Co-Sponsorships of Training and Conferences; Systems Change Update; and Staffing and Finance Update

ADJOURN

Vision: *All Solano County children are loved, healthy, confident, eager to learn, nurtured by their families, caregivers and communities.*

Mission: *First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission creates and fosters programs and partnerships with community entities to promote, support and improve the lives of young children, their families and their communities.*

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**First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
Systems & Policy Committee Meeting**
September 19, 2018, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Jerry Huber, Erin Hannigan

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris (Executive Director), Megan Richards (Deputy Director), Lorraine Fernandez, Gene Ibe, and Andrew Boatright

Members of the public present: Lisa Eckhoff (Solano County Office of Education), Donielle Prince (ACEs Connection)

Chair Huber called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM

I. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

II. Consent Calendar (4th)

A. Approve the September 19, 2018 SPC Meeting Agenda

Motion: Approve the SPC Meeting Agenda for September 19, 2018

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson

Approved 3-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

B. Approve the August 2, 2018 SPC Meeting minutes

Motion: Approve the SPC Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2018

Moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner Hannigan

Approved 3-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

C. Receive the Commissioner Meeting Attendance Status Report

III. Co-Sponsorship of Training and Conferences Fund Applications

Motion A: Approve an allocation of up to \$3,000 to A More Excellent Way Health Organization to provide Community Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Training.

Moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner Hannigan

Approved 3-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion B: Approve an allocation of up to \$1,075 to Solano County Health & Social Services for Dr. Shandi Fuller to attend the 2018 ACEs Conferences and Pediatric Symposium.

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson

Approved 2-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Recused: Commissioner Huber

IV. Solano County Resilience Plan

Donielle Prince reviewed the presentation on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) currently in use to agency and practitioners across several gatherings throughout Solano County. Ms. Prince noted that a film is shown in tandem with the presentation. Ms. Prince explained that the effects of higher ACEs scores results in a higher risk for health concerns, however, taking action in adulthood or earlier can sway the negative health risks to lessen.

Committee member comments included: include prevention as an important piece, explain in the presentation the full life cycle of trauma, recovery, and prevention of health risks associated with overcoming ACEs through therapy efforts. Plan next joint BOS/First 5 Solano meeting or an ACEs summit as a venue to present this information. Record ACEs presentation and upload to ACEs Connection, Facebook, SCOE's website, and more. Present to the full commission.

V. Systems Change Update

a. 2018 Update: Foundation Giving in Solano County and the Bay Area

Lisa Niclai presented an update on foundation giving in Solano County and Bay Area including the differences in data from 2012 – 2016 original foundation study. Ms. Niclai noted that across time other Bay Area counties have increased in growth starting from 300%

increases, whereas Solano County has grown by half as much and Solano County's overall funding coming in is only around 1% of the total funds coming in to Bay Area funds.

b. FY2018/19 Systems Change Implementation Plan

Ms. Niclai presented a summary of the results, strategies, and activities from the two-year implementation plan. Ms. Niclai explained the 4 systems change areas have evolved and narrowed to meet the needs identified in some of the efforts attempted in the past two years.

c. Systems Change Activities

Lorraine Fernandez listed the efforts taking place under systems change, highlighting specifically

VI. Annual Review of Commission Policies

Ms. Richards reviewed the typical policy review and noted that the Business Challenge Grant Fund Policy, Co-Sponsorship of Conferences and Training Fund Policy, and salary and benefits policy.

Motion A: Approve three policies to reflect the transition to on Policy and Oversight Committee.

**Moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner Huber
Approved 3-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Ms. Richards reminded the committee members that since 2002 First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission has a policy on non-discrimination. Staff recommended that the Commission reaffirm this policy and allow staff to send it out grantees.

Motion B: Reaffirm the Commission's policy on Non-Discrimination.

**Moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner Huber
Approved 3-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

VII. First 5 Solano Staffing and Finance Update

Megan Richards reviewed the contract expenditure list for FY2017/18.

VIII. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location

The next Systems and Policy Change Committee is scheduled November 14, 2018, at 601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA. Future agenda items include: Co-Sponsorships of Training and Conferences; Systems Change Update, and Staffing and Finance Update.

Adjourn

Commissioner Huber adjourned the meeting at 3:32 PM.

Andrew Boatright, Office Assistant III

Approved:

DATE: November 9, 2018

TO: Gerald Huber, Systems and Policy Committee (SPC) Chair
Erin Hannigan and Lisette Estrella Henderson, SPC Members

FROM: Megan Richards, SPC Staff

CC: Michele Harris, Executive Director

SUBJ: **Systems and Policy Committee Meeting Staff Report**

Agenda Item III. Program Updates

- A. **Motion:** Consider a recommendation to redirect \$100,000 annually in the 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan from well child check-up utilization to developmental screenings

Staff Report: In the Commission's 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan, the Commission allocated \$100,000 annually toward increasing rates of attendance at well-child visits. In April 2018, Megan Richards, Deputy Director, and Gerald Huber, H&SS Director and First 5 Solano Commissioner, met with Partnership HealthPlan of California (Solano's Medi-Cal Managed Care plan), who provided some additional data and potential programmatic solutions to address this issue. Subsequently, in the FY2018/19 County Budget, \$150,000 in Solano County General Fund dollars was approved for Solano Coalition for Better Health to provide outreach and education services to increase well-baby visits, filling this gap.

Staff has identified a future gap in developmental screenings. In FY2017/18 and again in FY2018/19, the Commission allocated one-time funding toward implementing a system to conduct universal developmental screenings in community clinics via iPads. Based on subsequent conversations with community clinics, they do not have the capacity to move forward at this time.

In FY2018/19, developmental screenings are being provided through some early care and education sites enrolled in IMPACT, conducted by Help Me Grow Solano (for low risk clients), and through home visiting through Child Haven (for high risk clients). Staff have identified gaps in outreach and parent information on screenings and access to screenings for families who are not accessing those sites listed above.

Based on these events, staff have met with Solano County Mental Health to discuss how to move forward toward more universal developmental screenings. At this time, staff is recommending to redirect the funding allocated for well child check-up utilization toward ongoing developmental screening. Staff will work with Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) staff to confirm that these dollars can be matched by MHSA prevention and early intervention dollars, as it fits within the strategies outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between MHSA and First 5 Solano.

B. **Motion:** Consider a recommendation to allocate \$40,000 in FY2018/19 to Solano County Health & Social Services Public Health Division for dental services.

Staff Report: Solano County Health & Social Services Public Health Division has requested \$40,000 to fund an oral health program which will serve pre-kindergarten, transitional-kindergarten and kindergarteners in all cities throughout Solano County.

The oral health education and prevention program which will teach children aged 4 to 5 about oral health and hygiene and how it can contribute to overall health. There are two core components of the oral health program. The first component is a fluoride varnish program and dental screening completed by a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH). Secondly, the program includes oral health education (e.g. tooth brushing demonstration) curriculum which is age appropriate. When possible, parents will be included in these education opportunities with their children.

To successfully implement both core components of this program, Solano Public Health requests \$40,000 to coordinate delivery of the oral health program and to pay for the RDH time to apply the varnish since Public Health funds cannot be used to provide this service. The Proposal can be found in Attachment B.

In the 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan the Commission had reserved \$127,000 annually in unallocated funds and asked staff to explore three program areas (training for providers on working with children with special needs, early literacy, and dental) and return to the Commission with recommendations. For FY2018/19, the Commission has allocated \$85,000 of the \$127,000 available and has \$42,000 remaining.

C: Receive the 2018 Pre-Kindergarten Academies Report

First 5 Solano has concluded the 2018 Pre-K Academies which took place at 10 agencies including nonprofit agencies and School Districts throughout Solano County with 4-week sessions running during the summer of 2018. This year, several new partners provided Pre-K Academy sessions; including Fairfield Adult School's SPACE program and New Dawn Vallejo. 345 children attended the Pre-K academies. At the end of the 2018 Pre-K Academies, The Kindergarten Student Entrance Profile showed 81% of the children were in the "nearly ready to go" or "ready to go" to kindergarten indicating that Pre-K Academies are effective in helping children transition to kindergarten. A full report can be found in Attachment C.

D: Receive an update on the Annual Grants Program

In the 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan, the Commission allocated \$200,000 annually for an Annual Grants Fund designed for one-time projects to fill a community gap, pilot a new or innovative idea, and/or address a time-sensitive community need. In April of 2018, First 5 Solano opened Request for Proposals First 5 Solano awarded funding to 7 agencies for a total of \$119,860, for projects such as support for housing and food insecurity, mindful movement classes for young children in Vallejo, and a Persistence Pays Stipend program to support Early Care and Education students. Early successes in the Annual Grants include:

- An increase of enrollment from 7 students enrolled last fall to full enrollment of 15 students for the fall 2018 Early Care and Education practicum program at Solano Community College
- Nearly 20 children attending each mindful movement class.

There is \$80,140 remaining in the Annual Grant Fund for FY2018/19. At this time, staff is recommending to continue to monitor the Annual Grants in place and evaluate the process at the end of the fiscal year to recommend changes (if any) to the process and/or the policy. This would leave approximately \$80,000 in unspent funds for FY2018/19 in the Annual Grants line item.

Agenda Item IV. First 5 Center Vallejo Update

A. Receive an update on the First 5 Center Vallejo

At the Commission's October 2017 retreat, the Commission gave direction on several funding decisions for incorporation into its 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan. One of those decisions was to provide up to \$300,000 to focus family support in Vallejo. The Commission supported staff seeking additional funding partners for a First 5 Center to be located in the high-risk zip code of Vallejo. This center will support services that cross the Commission's strategic plan priorities. Since that time, staff have been working on multiple aspects of the First 5 Center, and are providing this report as an update.

1. **Site Selection** – In November 2017, staff began exploring potential sites for the First 5 Center. Site selection activities revealed that there is very limited availability of viable sites that are located in or near the Vallejo census tracts with the highest poverty and risk factors. In March 2018, a potential site was identified at 400 Mare Island Way and staff have attempted to negotiate a lease. Unfortunately, these negotiations have stalled.

Staff have identified an alternate site at 3274 Sonoma Blvd. which would meet the needs of the First 5 Center. On November 6, 2018, staff received approval from the Solano County Board of Supervisors to enter negotiations for a purchase or lease. Due to the need to shift to negotiations on an alternate site, the timeline for opening the center has been rescheduled for December 2019.

2. **Capital Campaign** – Staff is continuing fundraising efforts for the First 5 Center. First 5 Solano has contracted with Ms. Kim Gillette to provide facilitation and technical assistance to support the capital campaign. Ms. Gillette has experience in leading successful capital campaigns and is familiar with the Bay Area foundation landscape. Ms. Gillette is working closely with First 5 Solano staff to develop a list of potential funders; develop collateral materials; conduct outreach, follow up with foundations; and prepare and submit grant proposals.

Additionally, staff is currently working with three funders who are processing grant requests for the capital campaign, for a total of \$475,000. In addition, the Solano County Board of Supervisors has committed \$200,000 towards the tenant improvements.

- B. Motion:** Consider a recommendation to allocate \$120,000 to Fighting Back Partnership to continue services in Vallejo from January-December 2019

Staff Report: In June 2018, the Commission approved an allocation of \$60,000 to Fighting Back Partnership (FBP) to continue focusing on family support services in Vallejo while pursuit of a First 5 Center was in progress. The allocation was for the period of July 2018 through December 2018 in anticipation of the opening of the Center.

As the search for an appropriate site has taken longer than anticipated, staff is recommending the Committee consider recommending approval of an allocation of \$120,000 to FBP from

January 2019 to December 2019 to continue family support services. Staff will assess the need for FBP to continue services as the Center is closer to opening its doors in the community.

Agenda Item V: Systems Change Update

A. First 5 Legislative Platform

At the June 6, 2017 First 5 Solano Commission meeting, the Commission approved the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission 2017 Legislative Platform. Since then, this platform has been utilized to weigh in and/or support/oppose legislation impacting children and families. The platform has assisted the Commission in being responsive as these opportunities are often time-sensitive.

Staff has conducted a review of the Commission's legislative platform. As part of this process, staff reviewed the Solano County Federal and State 2019 Legislative Program and Policy Guidelines, as well as the policy platforms from the First 5 Association, First 5 California, and Children Now. These platforms were reviewed alongside the 2016 First 5 Solano Strategic Plan and Strategic Plan Framework to assure that the platform is a best fit for the First 5 Solano Commission's Strategic Plan.

Based upon the review of the documents listed above, staff is not recommending any changes to the Commission's Legislative Platform at this time and will continue to use the platform in 2019. The First 5 Children and Families Commission 2019 Legislative Platform is attached to this report as Attachment D.

B. 2018-19 Systems Change Implementation Plan Activities

The following are brief descriptions of recent notable systems change activities over the last 2 months:

Systems are Strengthened

- On September 25, 2018, Lorraine Fernandez, Program Manager, attended the quarterly meeting of the Northern California Grantmakers Funder Network on Trauma and Resilience. The meeting agenda included a panel presentation and discussion of Measuring Success in Addressing Childhood Adversity.
- On October 10, 2018, Michele Harris, Executive Director and Lorraine Fernandez attended a training hosted by the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative. The workshop topic was "How to Get Money for Healthy Equity Training," and included information about a cross-agency fund development office that was successfully implemented in Alameda County.
- On October 18th, Lorraine Fernandez attended the Bay Area Early Childhood Funders meeting. The meeting agenda included a presentation and discussion on the Children's Data Network, a data and research collaborative which seeks to generate knowledge and advance evidence-rich policies to improve the health, safety and well-being of children.
- In October, multiple First 5 Solano staff and grantees attended the 2018 ACEs Conference & Pediatric Symposium in San Francisco. Hosted by the Center for Youth

Wellness in collaboration with ACEs Connection, the theme was “Action to Access”, which addressed how individuals and communities are able to obtain and use the information, resources, and systems they need to reduce children’s exposure to adversity and its traumatic effects. Featured speakers at the conference included Nadine Burke Harris, CEO and Founder of the Center for Youth Wellness and author of *The Deepest Well*, and Ann Williams-Isom, Chief Executive Officer of the Harlem Children’s Zone. Dr. Vincent Felitti, renowned expert of childhood trauma and principal investigator of the ACEs study, also shared his thoughts on twenty years of ACEs and toxic stress science.

Systems are Expanded

- **Fund Development:** Staff have been working on fund development efforts to support the following projects:
 - 1) **Vallejo First 5 Center:** As part of the project plan for the Vallejo First 5 Center, staff is continuing outreach to potential funders and submitting proposals for support of the tenant improvement costs.

-First 5 Solano submitted a \$25,000 grant request to Kaiser’s Community Benefit program for a capital grant to get the space ready for Healing Eating Active Living (HEAL) programs at the Vallejo First 5 Center. These funds would be utilized to build a kitchen area to be used to conduct a nutrition-based parent/child education program to support the use of healthy food options of young children.
 - 2) **Non-profit Capacity Building:** Staff has been conducting outreach to potential funders, and submitting proposals for the support of an inaugural “Vision and Impact Model” cohort.
- **Blue Shield California Foundation & Nonprofit Finance Fund:** First 5 Solano was contacted by Blue Shield of California Foundation (BSCF) as a result of networking at a Northern California Grantmakers event. BSCF is funding a capacity building initiative “*Community-Based Organization (CBO) Capacity Building for Partnerships*” in collaboration with the Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF). Selected CBO’s will receive no-cost intensive training and technical assistance on how to explore and develop partnerships with healthcare. The Solano Coalition for Better Health (SCBH) was selected to participate in this program which includes a 2-day intensive training, follow-up coaching, and light technical assistance. The training will take place in mid-December 2018.

Systems are Sustained

- Staff participated in the development of the 2019 Solano County State and Federal Legislative Platform. This included discussions with department heads, staff, and legislative advocates.

Agenda Item VI: Data Update

In October 2018, the Commission received its annual report on Community Indicators aligned with its priorities in its Strategic Plan. The Commission asked for follow up data regarding birth rates and disparities in educational status. The attached report (Attachment E) provides the requested information. In addition, since the October meeting, the 2017-18 school year education outcomes have been published and are included in the attached report.

Agenda Item VII: First 5 Solano Staffing and Finance Update

Staffing Update: Kwiana Algere has started as a Health Education Specialist at First 5 Solano. Her focus will be on coordination of the Triple P Parent Education Program and Adverse Childhood Experiences. Welcome Kwiana!

Andrew Boatright, Office Assistant III, has resigned effective November 8, 2018. Staff has been able to work quickly with Human Resources to conduct interviews and is seeking to fill his position.

Finance Update: With 33% of the year complete (through October 31, 2018), \$129,306 (3%) of the revenue (monthly disbursements, state match, interest, and other revenue) has been received. Additionally, \$263,096 (27%) of the salaries & benefits budget has been expended, \$46,706 (13%) of the services & supplies budget has been expended, and \$365,316 (10%) of the grants budget has been expended. Overall, \$129,306 (3%) of revenues have been received, and \$677,842 (13%) of expenses were incurred.

Attachment A: Commission Meeting Attendance Log

Attachment B: Oral Health Proposal

Attachment C: 2018 Pre-Kindergarten Academy Report

Attachment D: First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission 2019 Legislative Platform

Attachment E: Data Update

2018 COMMISSIONER MEETING ATTENDANCE LOG

COMMISSION MEETINGS

	1/9/18	FEB	3/6/18	4/11/18	MAY	6/5/18	JUL	8/14/18	SEP	10/2/18	10/20/18	NOV	12/4/18
HANNIGAN	Present	NO MEETING	Absent	Present	NO MEETING	Present	NO MEETING	Present	NO MEETING	Absent	CANCELLED	NO MEETING	
HUBER	Present		Present	Present		Present		Present		Present			
AYALA	Present		Present	Present		Absent		Present		Present			
BARBOSA	Present		Present	Present		Present							
BARTON	Present		Present	Present		Present		Present		Present			
CRUTISON	Present		Present	Present		Present		Present		Present			
ANDERSON	Present		Present	Present		Present		Present		Present			
DIAZ	Present		Present	Present		Present		Present					
ESTRELLA-HENDERSON	Present		Absent	Absent		Absent		Present		Present			
NEFF	Present		Absent	Present		Present		Absent		Present			

PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	JAN	2/15/18	3/15/18	APR	5/3/18	JUN	7/19/18	AUG	9/6/18	OCT	11/15/18	12/6/18
AYALA	NO MEETING	CANCELLED	Present	NO MEETING	CANCELLED	NO MEETING	Present	NO MEETING	CANCELLED	NO MEETING	CANCELLED	
ESTRELLA-HENDERSON			Absent									
CRUTISON			Present				Present					

SYSTEM AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	JAN	2/6/18	3/15/18	APR	5/14/18	JUN	8/2/18	AUG	9/19/18	OCT	11/14/18	12/12/18
ESTRELLA-HENDERSON	NO MEETING			NO MEETING		NO MEETING	Present	NO MEETING	Present	NO MEETING		
HUBER		Present	Present		Present		Present		Present			
HANNIGAN		Present	Absent		Absent		Present		Present			
BARBOSA		Present	Present		Present							

FIRST 5 SOLANO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Solano County Code (Chapter 7.3) and First 5 Commission Policy set forth the requirements of Commissioner meeting attendance. Per these documents, Commissioners cannot miss three Meetings in a row or more than 50% of Meetings in a calendar year, whereas "Meetings" are defined as meetings of the full Commission per the approved annual Commission Meeting Schedule. In addition, Commissioners serving on a standing Committee cannot miss more than 50% of Committee Meeting.

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November 6, 2018

First 5 Solano Children & Families Commission
Attn: Michele Harris, Executive Director
601 Texas Street, Suite 201
Fairfield, CA 94534

Re: Countywide Early Oral Health Education and Kindergarten Assessment Proposal

Dear Michele,

Solano Public Health (SPH) requests your consideration to support our Oral Health program to serve pre-kindergarten, transitional-kindergarten and kindergarteners in all cities throughout Solano County. SPH will provide a two-component program that includes *oral health education* for children aged 4 to 5 and will also provide a preventive *fluoride varnish program*. The purpose of this two-part program is to reduce the incidence of dental caries in one of Solano County's most vulnerable populations.

The first component of this program includes oral health education and is designed with age appropriate curriculum that covers an explanation of why the children need to take care of their teeth and how they can best achieve that care. Each child will be provided their own tooth brush and cover, so the facilitator can do a demonstration with the class.

The second component includes a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) conducting an oral health screening, which can be used to complete the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment form and applying fluoride varnish to the child's teeth with parent permission. Fluoride varnish prevents cavities and strengthens the child's tooth enamel. A fluoride varnish program on site reduces potential barriers the child might experience in accessing these services (e.g. finding a dental provider accepting new patients, transportation to dental office, etc.). As needed, referrals to local dental services and information on where to go to apply for dental insurance will be provided.

Solano Public Health requests \$40,000 to implement the above services from December 2018 to June 30, 2019 (e.g. pay for the RDH time to apply the varnish since Prop 56 Oral Health funds cannot be used to provide this service).

Following is SPH's implementation plan and outcomes:

December – February 2019: The RDH recruits and trains volunteers to administer fluoride varnish on children's teeth at a site, taking time to adhere to each school district's policies for volunteering

Administrative
Services

Behavioral
Health Services

Child Welfare
Services

Employment &
Eligibility Services

Medical
Services

Older & Disabled
Adult Services

Public Health
Services

Substance
Abuse Services

(e.g. VUSD requires fingerprinting of volunteers). Health Education Specialist will begin scheduling logistics for each site visit within Solano County.

February – May 2019: Implement the program in Solano County sites. SPH will provide toothbrushes, books, and other materials to over **1000 Solano children and families**, will provide fluoride varnish to reduce the incidence of dental caries free of charge to over **300 Solano children**, and will complete over **500 Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment forms**.

May-June 2019: Follow-up with teachers on the impact of the oral health education session that their students received and invite them to register for a training the trainer opportunity for them to learn how to provide this education to their students going forward.

Thank you for considering this proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Penny Paxton (707-784-8063 or plpaxton@solanocounty.com) if you have questions or need additional details. We can provide draft annual budgets for implementing the program upon request. We look forward to our continued partnership and a favorable response to this funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Cox, MPA, CPH". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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2018 Pre-K Academy Report

Introduction

Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) Academies provide a 4-week quality early childhood education experience for children entering Kindergarten who have not previously attended pre-school or can benefit from additional preparation prior to starting school.

In 2018, the Commission directed funding towards communities with the highest area of need by examining factors such as the percentage of children under age 5 in poverty, percentage of third graders not proficient in reading and percentage of 3-4 year olds not attending pre-school. Nineteen sessions of Pre-K Academies were offered by ten agencies throughout the county with five sessions offered in Vallejo, six sessions in Fairfield, three sessions in Vacaville, two sessions in Dixon and one session each in Suisun, Benicia and Rio Vista. This year, several new partners provided pre-k sessions, including Fairfield Adult School's SPACE program and New Dawn Vallejo.

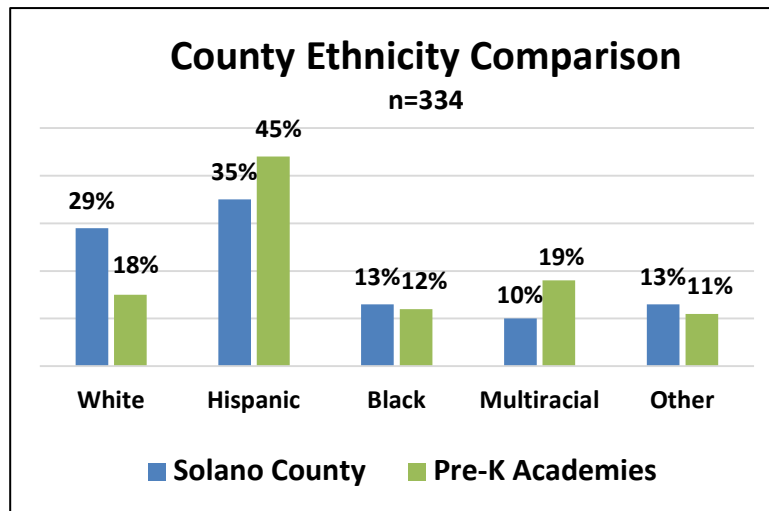


Organizations that received funds agreed to conduct the Kindergarten Student Entrance Profile (KSEP). The KSEP is an evidenced-based assessment developed by UC Santa Barbara that measures social-emotional and cognitive elements of children's readiness to enter kindergarten. Teachers complete a scale on 20 questions based on their observations of and interactions with the child in the classroom. The tool is used as children begin the program, and again as children complete the program.

Out of the 345 children who participated in 2018 Pre-Kindergarten Academies, 334 had completed consent forms, pre-assessment, and post-assessment which allowed for data analysis. The percentage of children who completed all forms necessary for data analysis greatly increased this year due to consolidation of forms to just one registration/consent form and clear explanation of expectations at orientation with each grantee organization. This year began a new funding cycle and agencies were not notified of their award for funding until late May 2018, therefore having challenges with outreach and recruitment, resulting in lower enrollment. One agency also had to cancel one session due to low enrollment. We anticipate recruitment will begin in March at kindergarten registration in the next two funding cycles.

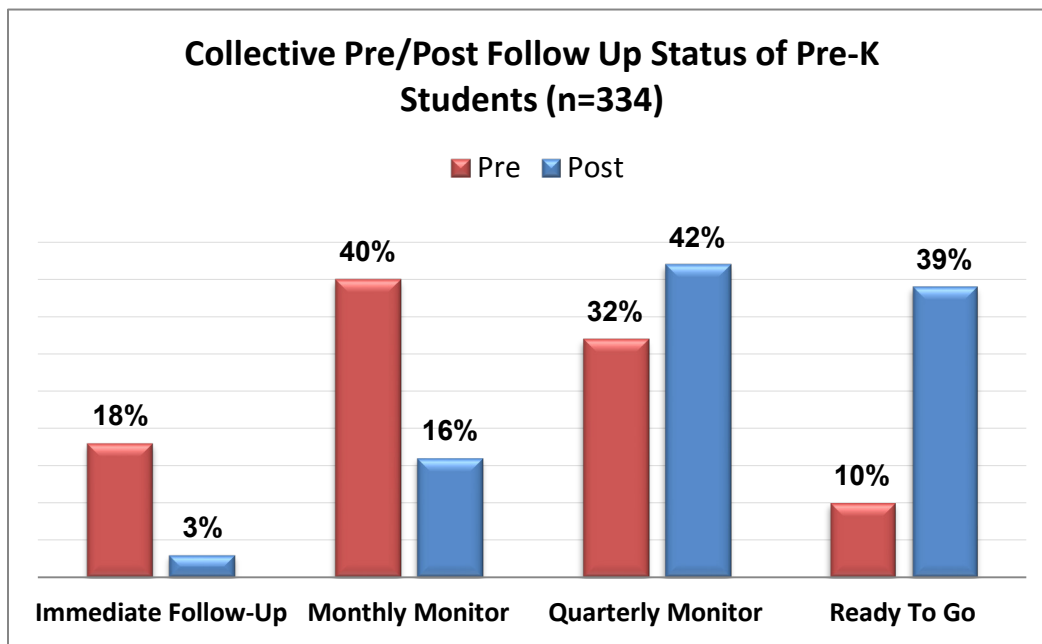
Demographics

Pre-K Academies were provided to children who had not participated in prior preschool activities, are English Language Learners or considered “high-risk” be due to factors such as poverty, remoteness, substance abuse, family violence, child abuse or neglect, and special needs. When comparing the Pre-Kindergarten student’s ethnicities to county population data, the Pre-K academies had a higher rate of Hispanic and multiracial children.



Results

First 5 Solano’s Pre-K Academies have consistently been an effective approach to help our youngest learners have a successful transition into kindergarten.



At the end of the 2018 Pre-Kindergarten Academies, 81% of students were ready to go or nearly ready to go category for Kindergarten. This is slightly higher than the 2017 Pre-K Academies where 77% of students were in the ready to go or nearly ready to go categories for Kindergarten. At the beginning of the Pre-K academy only 10% of students were ready to go to Kindergarten. By the end of the academy 39% of students were ready to go to Kindergarten, which is a 29% improvement in comparison to the beginning of the Academy.

Reading is Fundamental and Dental Screenings

This year First 5 Solano partnered with Solano County Office of Education and Reading is Fundamental to implement the summer Read for Success program. The program provided each classroom with a teacher set of books, a STEAM teacher's guide, a book bag, journal and 6 books for each child attending the academy. This program put over 2,000 books in the hands of kids.

Another monumental achievement was the collaboration with Solano County Health & Social Services to provide dental screenings to children attending the academies. Close to 250 pre-kindergartners attending the Pre-K academies received dental screenings, dental referrals (if necessary) and toothbrushes.



Conclusion:

Pre-K Academies have consistently shown that children who attend are more prepared for Kindergarten. In addition, parents also benefit from parent education and engagement activities offered by the academies. Teachers and school site staff are also more prepared for children that are coming in to their classrooms as strengths and needs are identified prior to the start of the school year. As one teacher stated, *"There's always a huge gap between children who attend this program and those who don't! This program is invaluable in preparing for my school year."*



2019



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

PURPOSE

The ability of First 5 Solano and its partners to serve its residents and provide for a thriving and sustainable community requires support from all levels of government. As a part of this governmental structure, First 5 Solano recognizes its role as a content expert in the field of children ages 0-5 and their families. First 5 Solano has developed this legislative platform to be responsive to the changing landscape for our constituents and to allow the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission a mechanism with which to weigh in on activities that will impact children and families.

POLICY INFLUENCE PARTNERS

The First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission is an agency of Solano County, and as such, supports and aligns with the Solano County State and Federal Legislative Platforms. In addition, First 5 Solano partners with many outside agencies to develop and influence legislative and policy changes on behalf of the children of Solano County. This legislative platform is designed to support and enhance the work of the many partners engaged in this critical work, including Solano County, The First 5 Association, First 5 California, Children Now, The Solano County Children's Alliance, and many others.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Health Goal 1: Children and their parents and caregivers have robust, continuous and affordable health coverage and health care services.

Policy Opportunities:

- A. Protect children and families' access to health care.
- B. Ensure every pregnant mother and child ages 0-5 has affordable and comprehensive health insurance coverage, including medical, dental, vision and mental health services.

Health Goal 2: Children grow up healthy and stay on track developmentally.

Policy Opportunities:

- A. Ensure that all children receive regular, routine developmental screenings, and are linked to needed supports as appropriate.
- B. Invest in and improve coordination across systems of care to efficiently connect young children to early intervention.

Health Goal 3: Pregnant women, children and their families are nourished and healthy.

Policy Opportunities:

- A. Support high-quality programs and services that increase access to affordable, quality and nutritious foods for all children and families.
- B. Increase supports for breastfeeding, family leave, and baby-friendly policies in all settings.
- C. Maximize enrollment in WIC and CalFresh for eligible families and individuals.

Health Goal 4: Young children are not abused or neglected, and receive robust services to heal from maltreatment.

Policy Opportunities:

- A. Ensure that all professionals working with young children and families complete training on trauma-informed practices, and the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect.
- B. Expand access to evidence-based family strengthening programs, including voluntary home visiting, which optimize child development and reduce the risk of abuse and neglect.
- C. Expand access to timely, high-quality services that reduce the impact of trauma on young children.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Family Support Goal 1: Families' basic needs are met.

Policy Opportunities:

- A. Strengthen the social safety-net to ensure families are self-sufficient and can meet their basic economic needs, such as food, housing, child care, transportation and health care.
- B. Support sustainability of Family Resource Centers and other community hubs for integrated services for children and families.
- C. Support streamlined application processes for critical safety net programs such as CalWORKs, CalFresh and Medi-Cal.

Family Support Goal 2: Parents and caregivers forge healthy bonds with their newborns and very young children.

Policy Opportunities:

- A. Ensure that maternal and early childhood home visiting programs, including evidence-based programs for the highest-need parents and children, are available to all families who wish to participate.
- B. Support evidence-based parent education and engagement initiatives that strengthen the bond between parent and child.

Family Support Goal 3: Families experiencing risk factors or circumstances that may jeopardize their health or well-being are identified early and provided with the resources they need.

Policy Opportunities:

- A. Ensure that every parent and caregiver has easy access to a place in their community that can guide and support them in finding the help they need.
- B. Ensure that young foster children are placed with safe, nurturing and supportive caregivers, and experience minimal placement disruptions.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Early Learning Goal 1: Adults have the information, skills and support they need to help children learn.

Policy Opportunities:

- A. Ensure every parent and caregiver has access to educational programs that offer information and guidance to aid in their child's learning.
- B. Ensure every parent and caregiver has the opportunity to learn about early social/emotional and cognitive development, and that caregiver-ready tools to promote healthy attachment, early language, numeracy and problem-solving skills are available.

Early Learning Goal 2: Child care and development programs for infants and toddlers are affordable, accessible, high quality, and meet the needs of families.

Policy Opportunities:

- A. Increase the quality and number of state-funded early learning slots for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.
- B. Embed high-quality standards in all state-funded early learning programs and support state and local efforts to meet them.
- C. Strengthen the qualifications, compensation and stability of the early learning workforce.

STRONG COMMUNITIES

Strong Community Goal 1: Ensure that existing systems are sustainable so that Solano's youngest children and their families thrive.

Policy Opportunities:

- A. Explore and advance opportunities to preserve and increase funding streams dedicated to early childhood, including Proposition 10 revenues.
- B. Improve state and county data systems to track children's outcomes.
- C. Promote inclusion of funding for children ages 0-5 and their families in existing and new revenue policy discussions.
- D. Promote legislation that increases taxes on combustible tobacco products, tobacco-based inhalation devices, and electronic cigarettes, and uses the revenue for children and family programs, including smoking cessation programs.

Strong Community Goal 2: Families are connected with one another and to their communities.

Policy Opportunities:

- A. Sustain efforts of local First 5 Commissions, libraries, hospitals and community-based organizations to provide family-friendly space for parents and caregivers to gather.
- B. Foster community engagement in local and state government decision-making, such as parent and caregiver councils in early learning programs and representation on public service system boards.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Children Now Policy Vision

2019 Solano County State & Federal Legislative Platforms

First 5 Association Policy Platform

First 5 California Policy Platform

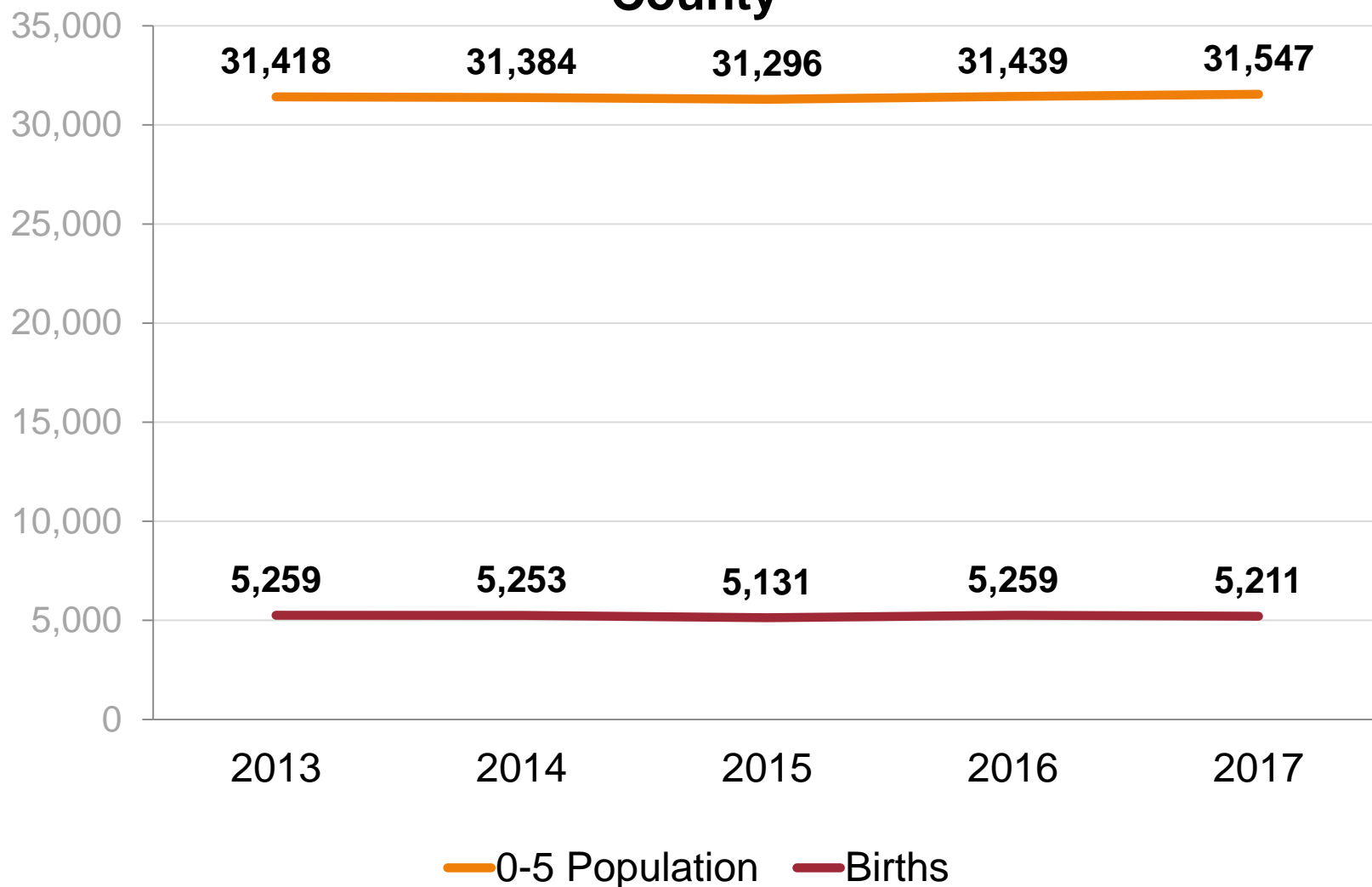
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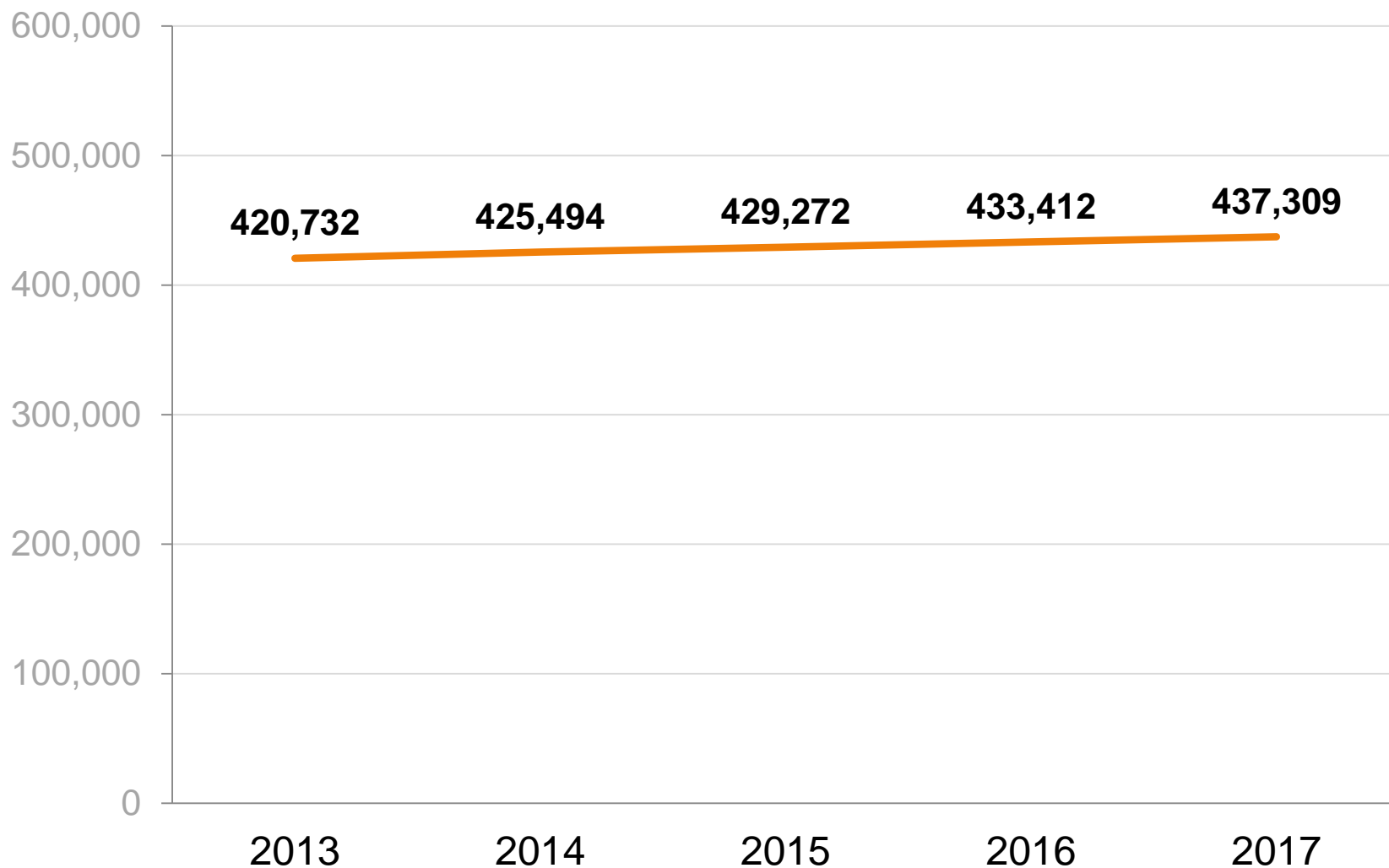
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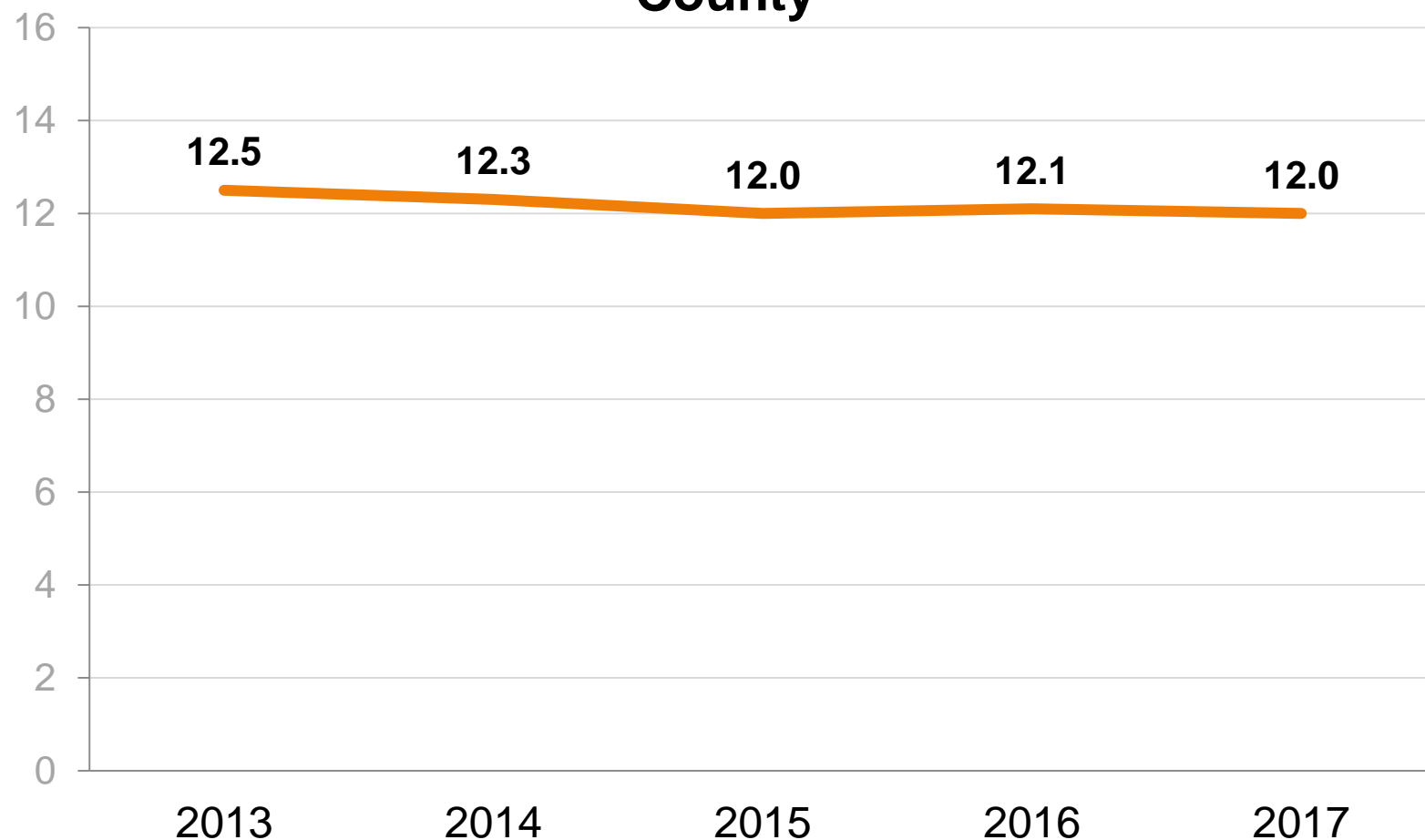
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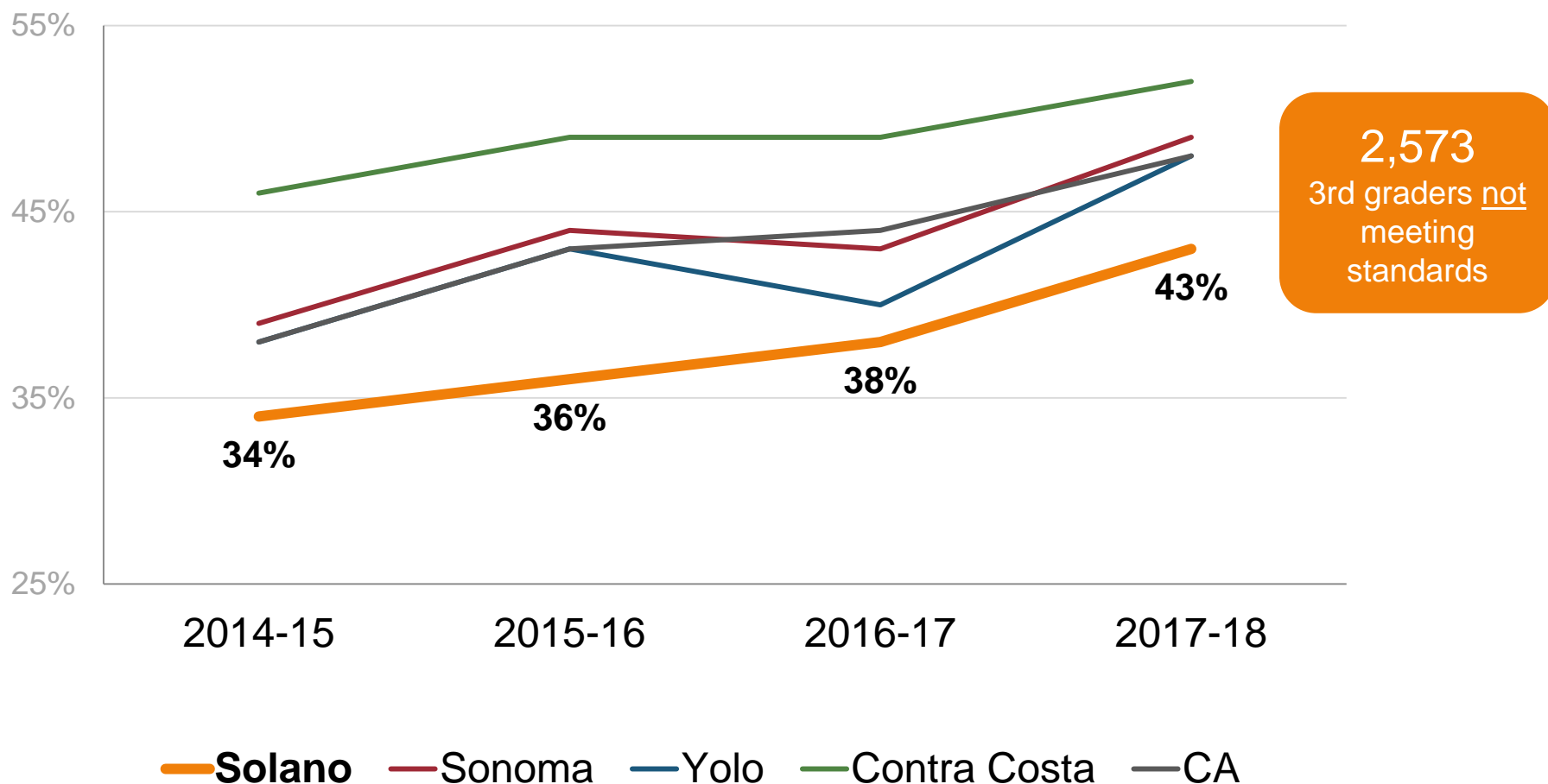
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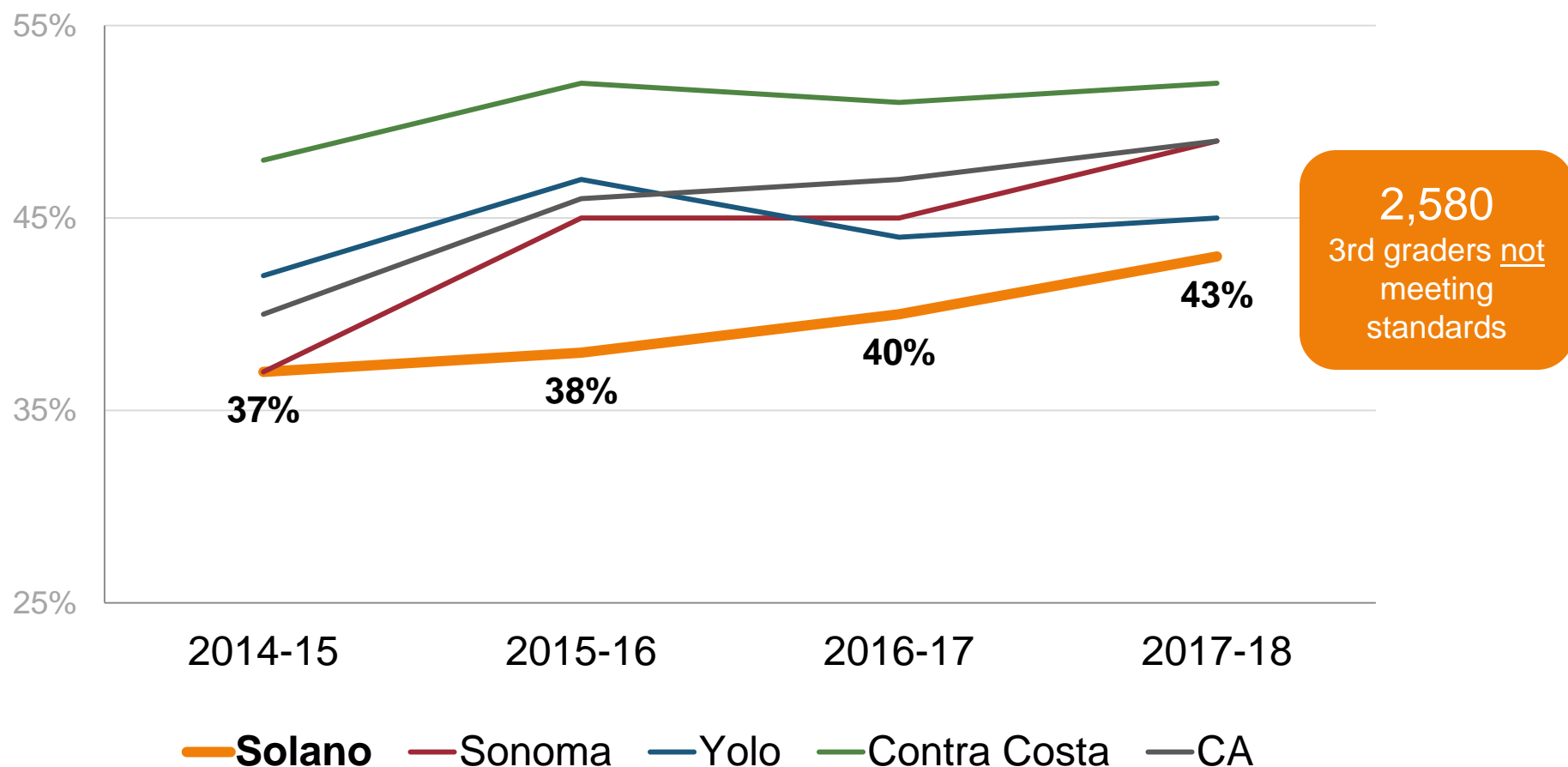
Third Graders Meeting or Exceeding Standards in Language Arts/Literacy



Source: California Department of Education

Note: Based on CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) which replaced the STAR assessment in 2013. Comparisons to outcomes from prior test years are not valid. Number of 3rd graders tested—4,914 (2014-15); 4,775 (2015-16); 4,623 (2016-17); 4,514 (2017-18)

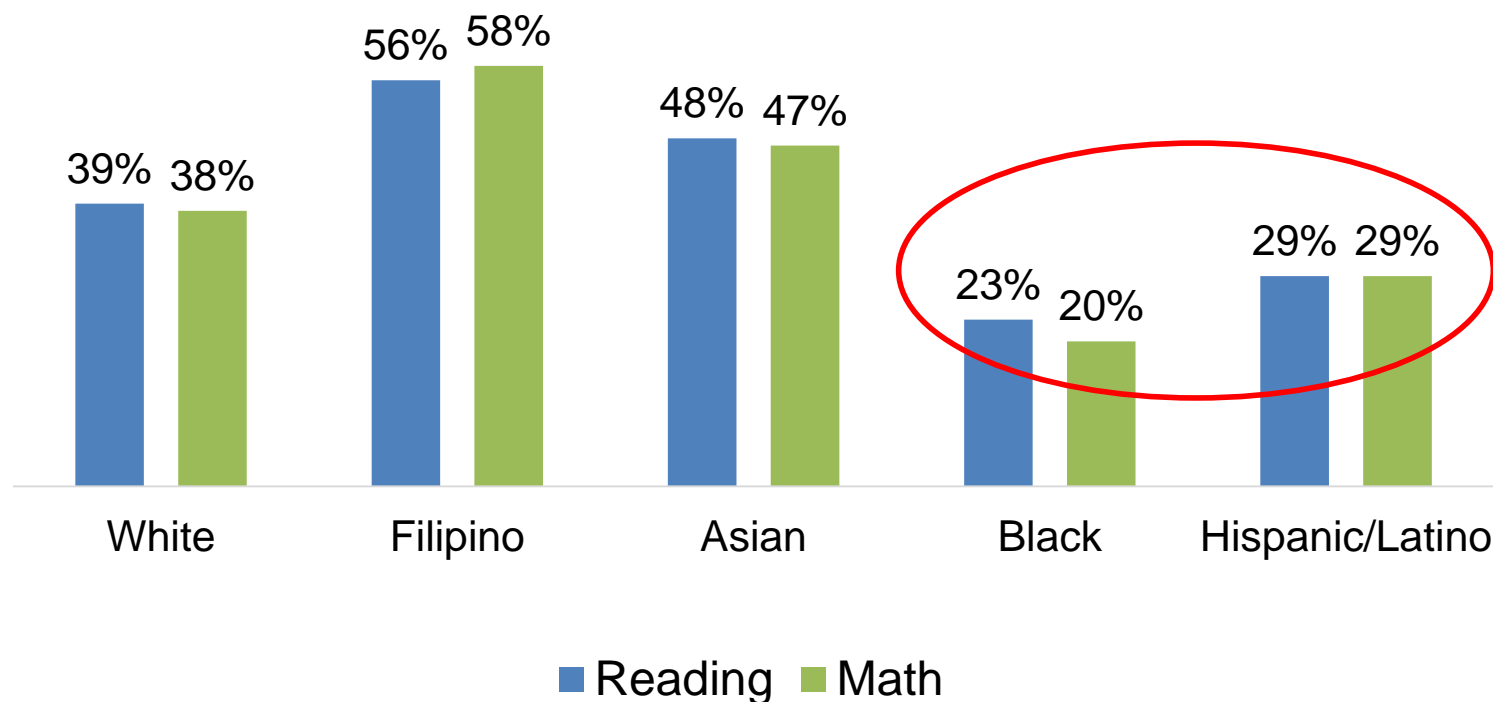
Third Graders Meeting or Exceeding Standards in Math



Source: California Department of Education

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***Economically Disadvantaged* Third Graders**
Meeting or Exceeding Standards in Language
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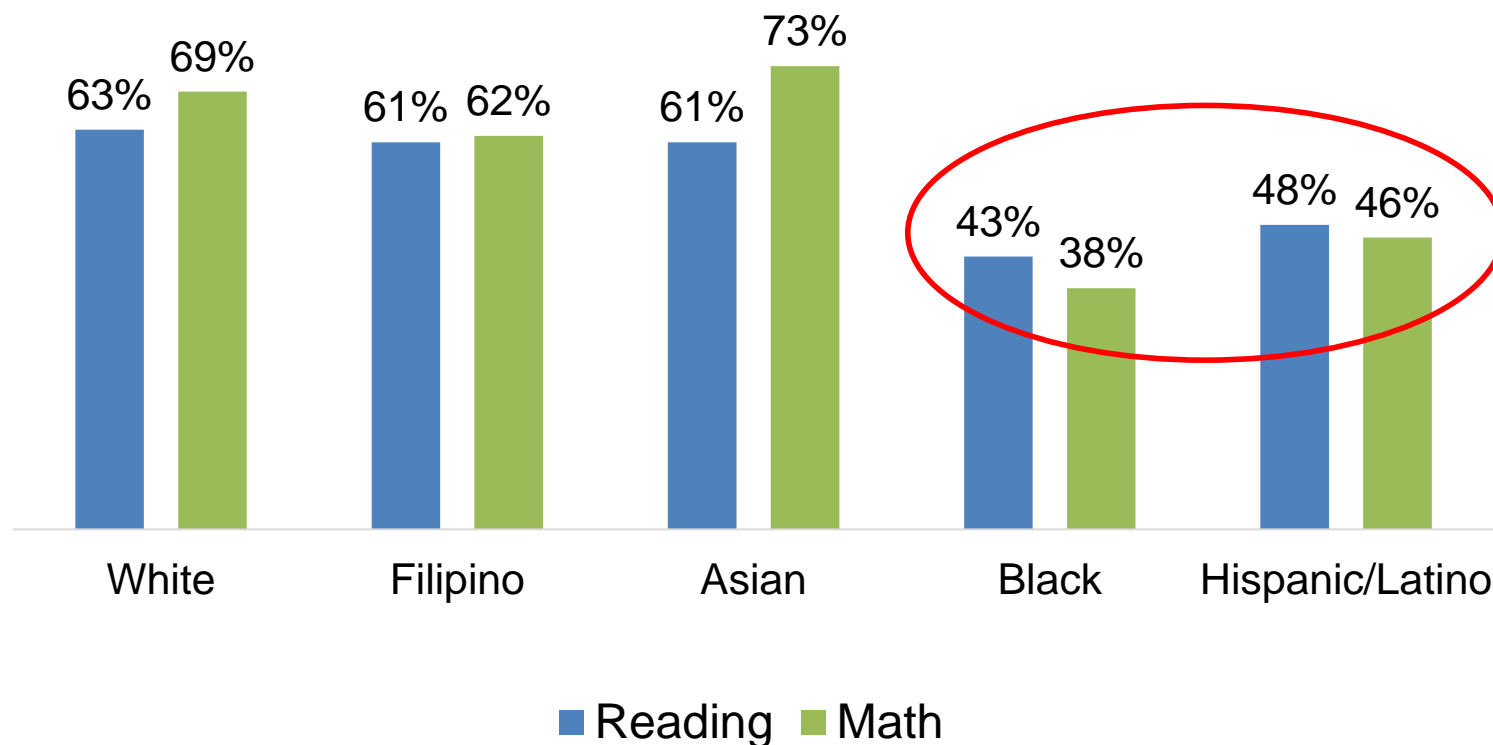


Source: California Department of Education

Note: Number of 3rd graders tested—White: 333; Filipino: 120; Asian: 79; Black: 465; Hispanic/Latino: 1330

Economically disadvantaged defined as eligible for the free or reduced-lunch program

**Not Economically Disadvantaged Third
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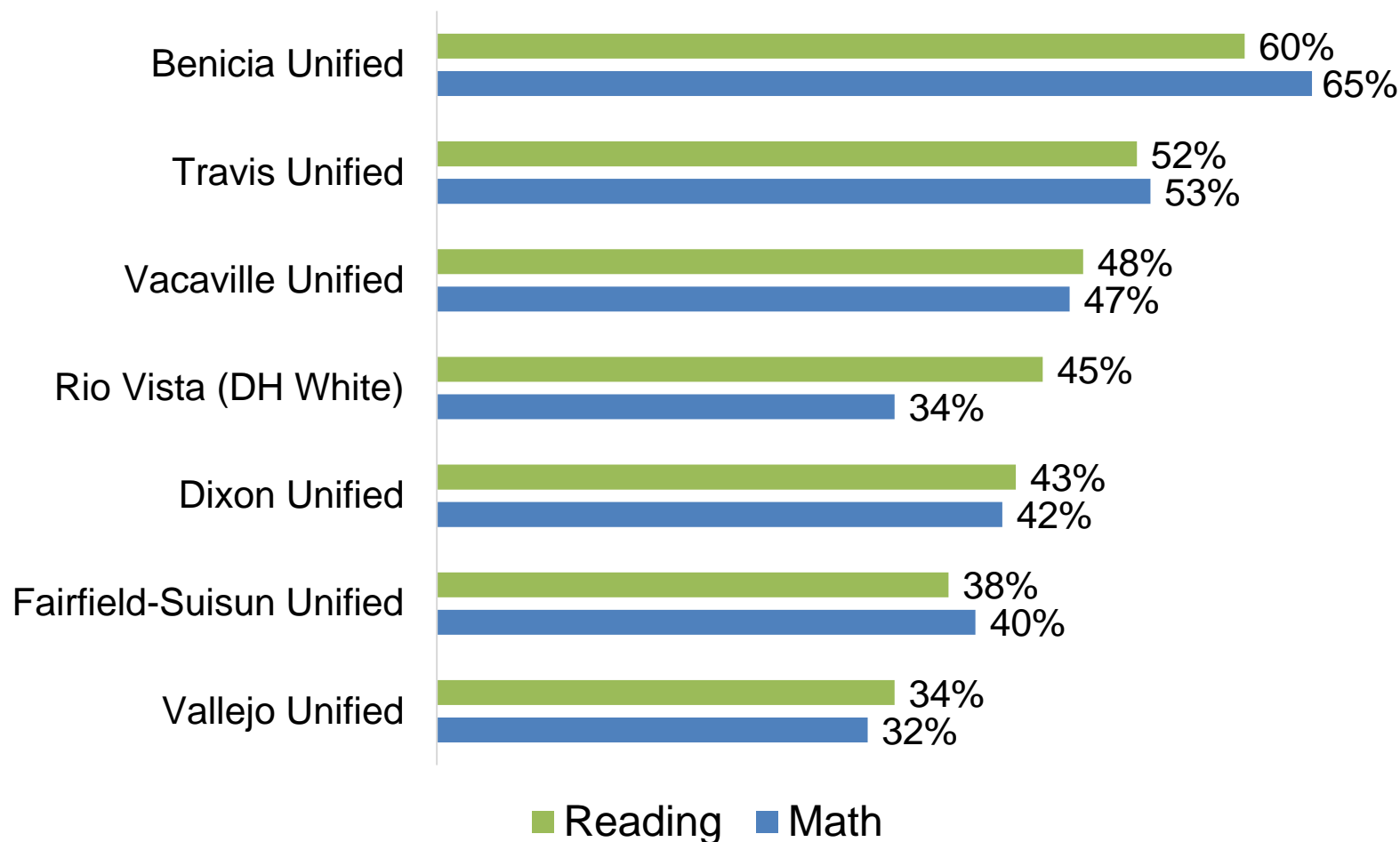


Source: California Department of Education

Note: Number of 3rd graders tested—White: 738; Filipino: 199; Asian: 87; Black: 144; Hispanic/Latino: 440

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Third Graders Meeting or Exceeding Standards in Language Arts/Literacy and Math in Solano, by District 2017-2018



Source: California Department of Education

Note: Number of 3rd graders tested—Benicia: 327; DH White: 67; Travis: 375; Vacaville: 895; Fairfield-Suisun: 1,497; Dixon: 190; Vallejo: 1,086