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## **School boards association responds to API/AYP release**

**(SACRAMENTO) – The following statement was released from California School Boards Association Executive Director Scott P. Plotkin regarding today’s Academic Performance Index and base Adequate Yearly Progress report:**

**“California has a tradition of very high education standards and accountability, and it’s gratifying to see another year of consistent growth in this year’s API results. A near 20 percent increase in overall academic achievement signals that schools are providing the right education tools so students can meet the state’s very rigorous standards, which surpass those of the rest of the nation.**

**We knew that this year’s federal AYP results were unlikely to show gains over last year. In fact, we anticipate that an increasing number of schools will fail to meet federal accountability benchmarks every year, regardless of how much improvement in student achievement they’ve made, because of the unrealistic expectations that are inherent in the static AYP model.**

**CSBA was the first major education organization to endorse the legislation that established California’s accountability system, years before the federal government enacted the No Child Left Behind Act. The disparity in this year’s API and AYP test results demonstrates why CSBA has led the charge in encouraging the use of the API growth model as the accountability measurement for California.”**

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