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2010 PASS Scores Released

CCSD Students Continue to Outperform State Peers

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CHARLESTON, S.C.—According to the latest Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)—now in its second year after replacing the Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT) as South Carolina’s third-through-eighth grade measurement of student achievement in 2009—CCSD’s students earned higher “Exemplary” marks than those across the state in every subject and grade level tested. CCSD students also had higher “Met and Exemplary” scores than non-CCSD students in most grades and subjects tested.

“Last year was a baseline year for the PASS, and now we can see that for the second year in a row—and the third year, if you include the final year of the PACT—our students are hitting the highest performance targets at a level that sets them apart from their state counterparts,” said Dr. Nancy McGinley. “Thanks to great, effective teaching and a focus on literacy improvement, our students are continuing to make progress, and we will use these same clear-cut strategies to aggressively focus on our areas in need of improvement on the PASS, such as achievement gaps and science performance.”

Both CCSD and the state made significant improvements from 2009 in 12 of the 30 PASS subject area/grade level combinations, with some difference across subjects and grades. CCSD students made significant progress in Math (grades 4, 6, and 8); English-Language Arts (grades 3, 4, and 6); Writing (grades 4, 5, 6, and 8); and Science (grades 4 and 8). Areas in need of improvement include grade 7 and 8 performance, science, and achievement gaps according to race and income. This year, the district is launching an “Accelerated Literacy Pathways” program to accelerate reading and writing skills across the district.

For more information, please visit the PASS site at www.ed.sc.gov.

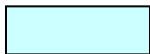
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Percent Met/Exemplary

Grade	Math		ELA (Reading and Research)		Writing	
	CCSD	State	CCSD	State	CCSD	State
3	70.2	70.0	81.0	80.7	73.6	71.0
4	80.5	76.7	78.8	76.5	76.3	72.3
5	72.6	71.3	79.5	78.1	77.5	74.5
6	71.6	70.3	73.5	72.2	74.1	71.9
7	66.9	67.0	71.8	69.2	72.9	69.7
8	65.1	63.4	65.9	63.7	73.9	71.9

Percent Met/Exemplary

Grade	Science		Social Studies	
	CCSD	State	CCSD	State
3	55.5	55.7	76.2	73.2
4	69.9	69.3	81.0	76.2
5	68.2	66.0	70.4	66.1
6	61.4	60.9	79.7	79.4
7	72.4	73.4	62.6	62.0
8	67.3	67.7	72.1	68.8



CCSD performed better than SC (1.0% or greater)

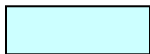
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Percent Exemplary

Grade	Math		ELA (Reading and Research)		Writing	
	CCSD	State	CCSD	State	CCSD	State
3	40.6	38.8	55.0	53.9	42.7	38.0
4	41.7	34.9	41.7	37.7	42.1	34.4
5	36.2	31.2	42.2	36.7	44.8	36.9
6	35.7	30.5	39.9	35.3	37.5	31.6
7	32.0	28.4	42.0	36.6	33.3	27.7
8	27.8	23.0	37.7	33.3	35.9	30.0

Percent Exemplary

Grade	Science		Social Studies	
	CCSD	State	CCSD	State
3	25.8	22.7	40.9	31.6
4	19.0	15.2	38.8	27.2
5	20.8	16.4	33.5	24.4
6	16.8	14.2	36.1	28.4
7	28.5	26.8	32.0	28.7
8	35.8	31.7	37.0	33.1



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