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STAMFORD TENTH GRADERS POST GAINS IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS ON CONNECTICUT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE TEST

Gains posted by sophomores in the Stamford Public Schools outpaced those made by students in neighboring communities and across the state in this year's Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT). Tenth graders made strides across all subjects tested: Math, Reading, Writing, and Science. Scores increased by as much as 12 percentage points in some areas.

The district posted the largest gains in Writing, where 85% of students achieved at the Proficient level (a 12 point increase) and 47% of students achieved at the Goal level (a 12 point increase). In Math, 72% of students achieved at the Proficient level (a 9 point increase) and 38% achieved Goal (an 11 point increase). In Science, 72% of students achieved at the Proficient level (a 1 point increase) and 33% of students achieved Goal (a 5 point increase). In Reading, 79% of students achieved at the Proficient level (a 3 point increase) and 35% of students met Goal (a 1 point increase).

Stamford's overall gains surpassed those made by other cities in its District Reference Group (Danbury, Meriden, Norwalk, Ansonia, Derby, East Hartford, Norwich and West Haven) as well as those made by neighboring communities, some of which experienced declines.

The most recent CAPT scores also reveal a persistent disparity along racial lines, particularly with students in the Black and Hispanic subgroups as designated by the federal No Child Left Behind law. However, both groups posted gains in all subject areas. For example, Black students achieving at the Proficient level increased their scores by 15 points in Math. Hispanic students achieving at the Proficient level in Writing increased their scores by 21 points.

According to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua Starr, "We are seeing an upward trend that reflects our sense of urgency. Although we have a long way to go, the vastly improved scores show that our administrators and teachers have been rolling up their sleeves and that our reforms and new initiatives are clearly working."

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