Central Unified School District

District Profile
Central Unified School District (CUSD) operates 22 schools and serves more than 15,957 students in kindergarten through grade twelve. The district currently has an Aeries Student Information System, which includes a parent/guardian portal used by parent/guardian groups and during parent/guardian–teacher liaisons at each school.

District Approach
CUSD chose a combination solution that allows for:

1. Both parent/guardian access to Student Score Reports (SSRs) online through the Aeries parent/guardian portal
2. Copies of locally printed paper reports at each school location for parents or guardians requesting request paper copies

After 2018–19 testing, parents and guardians were notified and given a link to access their child’s SSR. Parents and guardians had the option of viewing the SSR on the Aeries website or through the Aeries application. Parents also had the option of visiting the school to receive a paper copy of the SSR.

Challenges
CUSD implemented a new electronic text message alert system to further improve communication with parents and guardians. While there was a learning curve associated with launching this new alert system, it was a useful investment in helping let parents and guardians know that SSRs were available.

Key Activities
CUSD used their student information system and parent/guardian portal to reach parents and guardians. CUSD also rolled out the new text message alert system to reach more parents and guardians. CUSD intends to communicate further with parents and guardians during school parent/guardian liaison meetings and parent/guardian trainings. Administrators at the school sites provided additional training for their staff and parents/guardians to ensure that teachers access SSRs in the student information system and are having conversations about their student’s results with parents/guardians.

Results/Outcomes
With the continued migration to electronic SSRs in future years, CUSD will eliminate processing over 11,000 pieces of mail annually. Schools will provide parents/guardians the option to access the SSRs at the school site and print reports locally. Because of the positive outcomes of electronic reporting from 2018–19, CUSD plans to send other additional materials about scoring and interpreting results electronically, in addition to providing the student’s SSR.

"CUSD felt the entire process of distributing to deliver information to parents online went very well."

Eric Wenrick,
CUSD LEA CAASPP Coordinator

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