



the achievement gap and reducing the percentage of students who are not proficient. Our new accountability system maintains a focus on helping students achieve proficiency in both reading and math, but it also gives credit for improving performance along the way. The system provides a more accurate and fair view of the performance of students, schools and school districts.

The new system will be in place for the 2012-2013 school year. There is still a lot of work to be done to help prepare schools for this new system, and efforts have already begun to communicate about the changes and their impact. I am very excited about the accountability plan our state has designed and I'm anxious to see it unfold.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane".

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