Chico school board to review test scores

Staff Reports

CHICO — A complex set of performance evaluation tools will be discussed and reviewed at Wednesday’s meeting of the Chico Unified School District board of trustees.

The Adequate Yearly Progress and Academic Performance Index score reports will be presented to the board in an information-only meeting.

The district and the schools in the district have a goal of reaching a target score of 800 or higher on the Academic Performance Index.

According to figures provided by the California Department of Education, the CUSD as a district produced an Academic Performance Index of 807 for 2013, which was up 8 points from 2012.

Of all the schools in the district, Marsh Junior High School made the biggest year-to-year leap in the API, going from 836 for 2012 and reaching 869 for this year.

Far and away the biggest advance was in the Nord Country Charter School. As a charter school, Nord has its own governing board and is not strictly speaking part of the CUSD, but its scores are rolled into the district figures.

Nord gained 61 points, going from 757 in 2012 to 818 for 2013.

Among CUSD schools, Rosedale took the biggest hit in API scores, dropping 24 points, from 797 in 2012 to 773 this year.

Another charter, Blue Oak Charter School, which like Nord is not a CUSD school, recorded a 48-point drop, going from 788 last year to 740 this year.

In all cases, these scores are calculated numbers that include standardized test scores and other factors.

To see the API scores for the entire district, go to http://goo.gl/uSLGKb on the Internet.

Michael Morris, director of instructional support and testing for the district, will present the informational report to the board.

Also, Kevin Bultema, assistant superintendent for business, will provide a report on the district’s revised budget. The revised budget will include projections on new anticipated revenue sources.