

*Testimonial: Dr. Linda Murray, Superintendent of San Jose Unified School District, California*

WHEN SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BEGAN LOOKING for data warehousing solutions, it certainly wasn't a district in trouble. Nationally respected as a progressive, forward-thinking district, California's San Jose Unified stood at the forefront of effective, innovative education – with 23 California Distinguished Schools, 10 National Blue Ribbon schools and the highest ranking district in the state's Malcolm Baldrige Awards program,

California Awards for Performance Excellence. Nevertheless, the district saw room for improvement, especially with regard to data analysis. San Jose's data stretched across different systems with little sharing or communication between departments: demographic data in the Student Information System, test data in Research and Assessment, and teacher-related information scattered across an HR and Payroll system. Often, teachers felt cut off from the data they needed in order to evaluate their students' progress.



For the twelfth largest district in California (with around 32,000 students in 46 schools), and for a district known for quality solutions, this was unacceptable. TetraData's EASE-e™ Data Analysis Suite offered a solution to San Jose's problems in an intuitive, powerful package. Teachers appreciated the ability to work with an easy-to-use interface and to get answers quickly. For administrators, the suite's depth of analysis and longitudinal reporting capabilities felt like tailor-made solutions to the district's high-end analysis needs. The Data Analysis Suite offered benefits to every tier of San Jose's educational staff, and now that the No Child Left Behind Act mandates accountability, the district feels well-positioned to meet education's incoming analysis requirements head-on.

According to Superintendent, Dr. Linda Murray, the Data Analysis Suite "for the first time gives everyone an ability to see our data from the most global to the most granular level for each student." San Jose is rolling the Data Analysis Suite out to every desktop in its district, giving its staff access to the student data they need.

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As the district's high schools come up for accreditation or as schools kick off improvement initiatives, San Jose's pilot program integrates the Data Analysis Suite into their programs from the start, making sound data analysis a core philosophy. Such a sea-change in the way the district uses data requires time to be fully implemented, but the benefits quickly reveal themselves. "Everyone will have access to quality, comprehensive data for the first time," predicts Murray. "The use of this application will be culture-changing for the district."