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Dear Parents or Guardians:

Your child, along with public school students throughout California, will participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance (CAASPP). The assessments will be administered to grades 3-8 and grades 11 and 12 at your child's school during the testing window of April 2, 2018 - June 1, 2018.

This spring students will participate in the following assessments:

- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC):** These tests also called the CAASPP, include questions in Language Arts and Math for students in grades 3-8 and grade 11 and will be taken digitally using a computer.
- **California Science Test (CAST):** This pilot test is aligned with the California Next Generation Science Standards for grades 5, 8, and 12.
- **The California Alternative Assessment (CAA):** This Language Arts and Math assessment is designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

Individual CAASPP results and CAA results will be mailed to your home once they arrive. We expect to receive them in late summer. To learn more about either the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments or the CAST, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding Web page at:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>

Support from home is highly valuable. Encourage your child to excel during these assessments by:

- Discussing the importance of doing his/her best on assignments and tests.
- Making sure your child gets a good night's rest and breakfast before each testing day.
- Discussing upcoming tests with your child and reducing pretest anxieties.
- Excluding activities and appointments that take your child away from school on testing days.
- Reviewing sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the CAASPP Web Portal at: <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>.

Sincerely,

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