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Dear Parent or Guardian:

At the end of the last school year, your child took part in the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics. These tests are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards, for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The purpose of the CAAs is to measure what students know and can do. These measures help identify and address gaps in knowledge or skills early so students can receive the support they need.

Your child's report shows scores for ELA and mathematics. If your student took the test in past years, you will also see past scores, so you can look at your child's progress over time. If your child was given the CAA for Science pilot test, you will find general information about that test on the back of the Student Score Report. The CAA for Science is still being developed, and no scores will be reported until the test is operational.

To find out more about your student's scores:

The California Department of Education CAASPP Student Score Report Information Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppssrinfo.asp> has the following materials to help parents and guardians understand the score reports:

- Understanding the Student Score Report — CAA, a video (English and Spanish)
- Guide to Understanding the CAA Student Score Report (top seven languages)
- Sample Student Score Report (English and Spanish)

In our district, the test results are just one way to look at how well students are doing. We use the results to find areas in which students will need help in the next school year. If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please call your child's school office to arrange for a teacher conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jessica Mendoza".

Dr. Jessica Mendoza
Coordinator, Testing and Assessments