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Dear Parent or Guardian:

At the end of the last school year, your child took a part in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) computer-based tests for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics. These tests are based on California's academic standards, which include the ability to write clearly, think critically, and solve problems, which are some of the skills students need to succeed in college and a career.

Your child's report shows scores for ELA and mathematics. It includes an overall score for each subject and information about how well your child did in different areas. If your child 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 in grade five or eight, your child also was given the California Science Test (CAST) field test, based on California's Next Generation Science Standards. You will find information about the test on the back of the Student Score Report. The CAST 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 — CAASPP, a video (English and Spanish)
- Guide to Understanding the CAASPP Student Score Report (top seven languages)
- Sample Student Score Report (English and Spanish)

The Test Score Guide Web site will also give you information about the overall score, what level that score falls into, and your child's strengths and weaknesses. The Web site can be found at <https://testscoreguide.org/ca>.

In our district, the test results are just one way to look at how well our students are doing. We use the results to find areas in which students will need help in the next school year. It is also important to know that the test results are not used to determine whether a student moves to the next grade. If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please call your child's school office to arrange a conference with your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

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