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Preparing Students for an Evolving World

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CAASPP Parent and Guardian Notification Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year, students in grades three through eight and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Assessments will be provided this year following all health and safety guidelines necessary due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, your child will take the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics in-person.

The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments are online tests that measure what your student knows and is able to do. The tests include many different types of questions that allow students to interact with the test questions. Results help identify gaps in knowledge or skills early on so your child can get the support needed to be successful in school. We know this year has been impacted due to the pandemic and we also know students, staff, and parents have done a tremendous amount of work to ensure student learning continues.

Assessments will be provided in-person during the school day to students in the grades identified above during the weeks of May 10th through June 4th, depending on the school site testing schedule. Year Long Distance Learning (YLDL) families will receive a separate letter regarding your options for CAASPP testing.

You are an important part of your child's education. To help your child get ready for the test you can:

- Talk about the test with your child. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
- Take a practice test with your child.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.

To learn more about the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You also can look at 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>. You might also want to visit startingsmarter.org to learn even more about the CAASPP assessments.

If you have questions, please contact Will Lucey, Director of Educational Services at wlucey@pacificasd.org or your school principal.

Sincerely,

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