Dear Select LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming rescore of a subset of grade six writing extended responses in the 2018–2019 CAASPP Smarter Balanced English language arts/literacy (ELA) assessment that will impact a sample of your students. Educational Testing Service (ETS), as well as the California Department of Education (CDE), consider the accuracy of reporting of utmost importance and so conduct continuous analysis of data. A recent analysis identified the need to rescore a subset of the grade six writing extended response items at your local educational agency (LEA). (Please note that only improvements to student scores will be reported after this rescore.)

On behalf of ETS, I apologize for the error and for the concerns this may cause. We at ETS place a high importance on the quality and accuracy of our test results and are committed to correcting the issue and assisting your LEA.

ETS will produce and distribute new Student Score Reports (SSRs) for the grade six students whose CAASPP Smarter Balanced ELA score increased after the rescore is complete. A subset of these students also will experience increases to their ELA achievement level. The rereporting will not result in any student receiving a lower score than previously reported and does not impact any other grade levels or content areas.

On Thursday, January 30, 2020, ETS will remove the affected grade six SSRs from the Test Operations Management System (TOMS), from servers accessed by your student information system (SIS) vendor or parent or student portal, and from the Online Reporting System (ORS). Starting February 10, 2020, ETS will begin uploading the corrected grade six test results to the California Assessment Systems; we expect to complete all rereporting by February 21, 2020. We ask that you monitor messages on the CAASPP TOMS Dashboard and emails from the California Technical Assistance Center (CalTAC) with additional information.

ETS also will provide a suggested letter template that may be used to communicate with parents/guardians for the affected grade six students. In addition, if you ordered or printed SSRs for any of the impacted students and would like to have them
reprinted, please contact CalTAC by phone at 800-955-2954 or by email at cal tac@ets.org.

Thank you for your patience and your continued support of the CAASPP System. Please contact CalTAC by phone at 800-955-2954 or by email at cal tac@ets.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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