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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

The training tests for the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) are now available and linked on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Practice and Training Tests Web page at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/>. They are also available to administer through the secure browser. It is recommend that test examiners administer the training tests through the secure browser so that both the test examiner and student can experience the operational testing environment.

The CAA training tests provide CAA test examiners and students the opportunity to become familiar with the format of the CAA items. There are two total training tests for the CAAs, one for English language arts and one for mathematics. Each training test has eight to nine items. Test examiners should use the training tests to determine which accessibility resources (designated supports and accommodations) students need. As test examiners identify any new accessibility resources a student may need, local educational agencies (LEAs) must update the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan as soon as possible. Test examiners need to log on using credentials provided by the Test Operations Management System (TOMS), and enter specific student information (as it appears in TOMS) to access the training tests.

The *CAA Training Test Directions for Administration (DFA)* is also available at <http://www.caaspp.org/about/caa/>. The *DFA* contains specific administration scripts and guidelines for administering the training tests. Please share this information with the CAA test examiners in your LEA.

Note that the *CAA Training Test DFA* is not for administration of the operational CAAs; it is only to be used for administering the CAA training tests.

A sample (nonsecure) *DFA* for the 2016 CAAs are also available for download and can be used in the preparation for the operational testing. Secure *DFAs* for the 2016 CAAs will be available one to two weeks prior to the opening of the CAA test window on April 11, 2016. These Secure *DFAs* are grade and version-specific and will be available for download from TOMS.

Resources for the CAAs, including the archived "California Alternate Assessments Test Administration Workshop" Webcast and presentation, are linked on the CAASPP CAA Web page at <http://www.caaspp.org/about/caa/>.

Questions about the CAAs and all other topics regarding the 2015–16 CAASPP administration should be directed to the California Technical Assistance Center (CalTAC) by phone at 800-955-2954 or by e-mail at caltac@ets.org.

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