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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

We are pleased to announce availability of the 2017–18 California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science pilot test. PDFs may now be downloaded from the Test Operations Management System (TOMS).

The 2017–18 CAA for Science pilot test consists of three embedded performance tasks (PTs) each in grades five, eight, and high school that can be administered to a student in any sequence and at any time during the 2017–18 instructional year. Embedded PTs are a collection of activities and questions administered after related concepts are taught to the student. Test examiners determine the best time to test each student, allowing students to best demonstrate what they know and can do.

This year, LEAs must enter student testing results into the Data Entry Interface (DEI). The DEI will be available beginning January 9, 2018. Results may be entered at any time after an embedded PT has been administered to a student, but before the end of the instructional calendar for the school.

All test examiners must complete the Test Examiner Tutorial each year to be certified as ready to administer any CAA assessments.

The following resources are now available or soon will be available on the [California Alternate Assessments](#) Web page or in TOMS.

Resources Available Now:

- [Test Examiner Tutorial](#)—Online training module that explains how to administer the CAAs and must be completed before administering tests to students
- [Training Sample—Grade Five “Fossils”](#)—A nonsecure embedded PT is available that can be used for practice and training purposes before administering the secure operational embedded PTs available from TOMS
- **Optional Video Resource for High School Embedded PT (SECURE)**—An optional video resource that test examiners may use in the administration of the High School Embedded PT 1, located in TOMS

Resources Available Soon:

- **Administering the CAA for Science video (November)**—Short video that explains the approach to testing in the 2017–18 embedded PTs

- **How to Use the Data Entry Interface video (January)**—Short video tutorial that demonstrates how to log on to the DEI to input the student test results from the CAA for Science
- **Four more new training samples (January)**—Training samples for grade eight and high school

Questions about the CAAs and all other topics regarding the 2017–18 CAASPP administration should be directed to the California Technical Assistance Center (CaTAC) by phone at 800-055-2954 or by e-mail at caltac@ets.org.

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