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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

Congratulations on the successful completion of the 2015–16 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) test administration. The 2016–17 Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments are now available to those local educational agencies (LEAs) that have established users. You can also expect the following new features to be made available to LEAs during the 2016–17 test administration:

- The California Student Statewide Identifier (SSID) number will no longer require the prefix “CA-”.
 - When administering interims, students will enter their SSID without the prefix “CA-” in the secure browser.
 - When using the Appeals system, coordinators can search for student test records by simply using the student SSID without the prefix “CA-”.
 - When searching for students in the Online Reporting System, users can now search for students in the current and in past administrations using the SSID without the prefix “CA-”.
 - When searching for students in the Test Administrator Interface, test administrators and test examiners can now search for students using the SSID without the prefix “CA-”.
 - When creating rosters, coordinators no longer need to include “CA-” in the upload file.
- Test administration setup in the Test Operations Management System (TOMS) has been streamlined to include the following features:
 - System downtimes known before a test administration is set up are included in the calculations that determine the LEA’s available testing window.
 - There is a built-in validation function to ensure that testing windows are set up correctly.
 - Any LEAs that have a selected testing window that starts before March 20, 2017 will need to manually ensure that their selected testing window extends at least 25 days after March 20 for administration of the California Alternate Assessments and California Science Tests.
- Availability of a downloadable file in TOMS that includes last year’s TOMS users enables LEA CAASPP coordinators and CAASPP test site coordinators to download and edit their user lists from the previous year, simplifying the batch user update process.
- Two new accessibility resources are available for the Smarter Balanced assessments in 2016–17:
 - **Simplified test directions**, a non-embedded designated support. Guidelines have been posted at <http://portal.smarterbalanced.org/library/en/guidelines-for-simplified-test-directions.pdf>.

- **100s number table**, a non-embedded accommodation available to students in grade four and above when designated in their individualized education program or Section 504 plan. A paper-based table listing numbers 1 through 100 has been published to the Student Accessibility Resources and Test Settings Web page at <http://www.caaspp.org/administration/accessibility/>.

Note: The Student Test Settings module is not available at this time. If students require accommodations or designated supports for interim testing, they must be set in the Test Administrator Interface for the individual student at the time of testing.

Reminder: LEA CAASPP coordinators are encouraged to work with their California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) administrator throughout the year to ensure that all student information is up to date and correct. Student demographic data changes in CALPADS can take up to two business days to process through the CAASPP test delivery system.

Questions about the new features and all other topics regarding the 2016–17 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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