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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

When the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) systems come back online March 20, 2017, the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) for English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics, including the CAA for Science pilot, and the California Science Test (CAST) pilot will be available. Keep in mind the following information as you begin to administer these assessments:

- The CAAs for ELA and mathematics, the CAA for Science pilot, and the CAST pilot will be available for administration within your local educational agency's (LEA's) selected testing window. Note that LEAs may choose to begin administering the CAA for Science to students before the opening of their testing window, but the availability of the student survey in the test delivery system will not start until the LEA testing window opens.
- The CAAs for ELA and mathematics are administered in the test delivery system. Grade- and version-specific *Directions for Administration (DFAs)* are available as downloadable PDF files in the Test Operations Management System (TOMS). For version assignments, visit the [CAA Version Assignments for 2016–17 Test Administration](#) Web page on the CAASPP Portal.
- The CAA for Science embedded performance task pilot test is a downloadable PDF file in TOMS. You will enter the student's responses to a short survey at the end of the test into the test delivery system.
- Visit the [High School Grade Assignments for 2016–17 Science Pilot Testing](#) Web page on the CAASPP Portal to see which high school grade the schools in your LEA have been assigned for the science pilot.

**Reminders:**

- Assign and/or verify the assignment of accommodations, designated supports, and unlisted resources for students to ensure they are available when the student is tested
- Confirm that your students' demographic data are up to date in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) and TOMS prior to the end of your LEA's selected testing window.

- LEAs should not perform annual exits of students in CALPADS until after the LEA's selected testing window has closed.

Questions relating to the 2016–17 CAASPP test 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](mailto:caltac@ets.org).

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