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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

On **Thursday, October 15, 2015**, services on the Test Operations Management System (TOMS) and other testing-related systems were restored. System enhancements that were made include the following:

- **Easy navigation between various systems**
 - Three new links in TOMS have been added to support easy navigation between the Online Reporting System, the test delivery system, and the Digital Library. Note that the Digital Library still requires additional logon credentials.
- **Test Selection Enhancements to the Test Administrator Interface**
 - Each type of test now has its own color coding to facilitate test selection.
 - A warning notice will now pop up showing which type of test has been selected to ensure the administrator has selected the test intended.
 - On the *Test Session Approval* screen, test names have been color coded to facilitate selecting the right type of test.
 - In the *Test Session Student Roster*, the test settings for each student can be viewed. The types of tests selected for each student are also color coded.
- **Audio Enhancements to the Test Delivery System**
 - A scrubber has been added for embedded audio. This enables a student to drag the audio indicator to the desired position within the audio file.
 - A student can now adjust volume, rate, and pitch within the test.
- **Enhancement to Interim Assessments**
 - **Standardized Administration Indicator** - In the California Department of Education's efforts to enhance the integrity of your local educational agency's (LEA's) longitudinal interim assessment results data and to support its use as a performance benchmark, the Test Administrator Interface will soon feature an enhancement that allows test administrators to indicate a standardized administration of either an interim assessment block or an interim comprehensive assessment. Please note that *only* interim assessment results produced under standardized testing conditions will be retained from year to year. If an interim assessment has not been "marked" standardized, the result will be expunged from the Interim Assessment Reporting System at the close of the current year's (2015–16) testing administration.
- **Enhancements to the Test Setting User Interface in TOMS**
 - There are new check boxes for Braille and Text-to-Speech.
 - Most resources include a brief guideline to usage.
 - Either Braille or Stacked Translations can be selected (but not both). Additionally, an error message has been added for this feature.
 - Stacked Translations will automatically set the language to Spanish.
 - Persistent highlighting has been added; this feature reapplies a student's highlighting after a test is paused/resumed. (This enhancement is not available to the settings for the California Alternate Assessments [CAA].)

- The user will also be able to upload test settings via the user interface and view the test settings on the **[Student Test Setting]** tab.
- In December, the Test Setting Report will be available to support the new 2015–16 accommodations.

- **Other TOMS Enhancements**
 - An LEA CAASPP coordinator report allows you to see, for the schools in your LEA, the number of students enrolled per grade and the number of students at the school included in a test administration.
 - Training material access is now based on user roles.
 - Late Pre-ID may be selected up to 12 days prior to the test administration closing (Test Administration End Date).
 - A **[CAA]** Test Window Summary tab supports a global fixed test administration for the CAA which will run from April 11 to June 17, 2016.

Questions about CAASPP system enhancements for the 2015–16 CAASPP administration should be directed to CalTAC by phone at 800-955-2954 or by e-mail at caltac@ets.org.

Sincerely,

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