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**To:**  
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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

The California Department of Education (CDE), in collaboration with Educational Testing Service (ETS), is gathering input from California educators at various stages during development of new California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System assessments:

- California Alternate Assessments (CAA) for English language arts and mathematics
- California Next Generation Science Standards (CA NGSS) Assessments (general and alternate)
- Primary language assessment

California educators interested in participating should complete an application at <http://www.caaspp.org/reviewers.html>.

If approved, you will be entered into a pool of California educators who may be invited to participate in one or more CAASPP review meetings throughout the year.

We currently have a strong need for science educators, especially those with experience working with cognitively disabled students. Educators with this experience will be considered for participation in two meetings this October in Sacramento:

**October 5–8: CA NGSS crosswalk development**

Stakeholders will work collaboratively to develop a crosswalk from the CA NGSS to the 1998 California Science Content Standards. This crosswalk will help identify content in the CA NGSS that will be of new focus for California educators and students. Once identified, that CA NGSS content can be targeted for professional learning and development resource materials for educators along with supporting materials for students.

**October 12–15: CA NGSS Alternate Connectors development**

Stakeholders will work collaboratively to develop Alternate (ALT) Connectors from the CA NGSS performance expectations (PEs) by reviewing a draft of enduring understandings (EU) that are targeting the essence of each PE. These EUs will serve as the basis from which stakeholders will develop CA NGSS ALT Connectors, which are needed to inform (1) development of an ALT assessment for the CA NGSS for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities; and (2) professional learning and development resource materials for educators.

If you have any questions about the upcoming science meeting, or about CAASPP content review opportunities in general, please contact Margie Nelcoski by phone at 609-683-2436 or by e-mail at [mnelcoski@ets.org](mailto:mnelcoski@ets.org).

Sincerely,

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