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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

After you have downloaded and installed the latest secure browser for the 2015–16 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) test administration, the secure browser will update automatically if a new secure browser is released (note the exception in item 6 listed below). For a full list of supported operating systems and secure browsers, as well as any updates to this list, visit the [CAASPP Secure Browsers Web page](#), which can be accessed by selecting the **[Secure Browsers]** button on the home page of the [caaspp.org](#) Web site.

Important Note: Apple released iOS 9.2 on Wednesday, December 9. Please note that updating to your devices to iOS 9.2 will **not** allow students to access the interim assessments at this time. iOS 9.0 and 9.1 will continue to be supported for testing until iOS 9.2 is approved for installation. Approval of the operating system is expected by the end of 2015. Versions 9.0 and 9.1 of iOS will not be supported for the administration of the interim or summative assessments after January 19, 2016.

Please also note the following updates about operating systems and secure browsers for the 2015–16 CAASPP administration:

1. Confirm all devices to be used for summative and interim testing are running operating systems that are currently supported. A list of currently supported operating systems and secure browsers can be found at <http://ca.browsers.airast.org/>. Support for Mac OS 10.11 will be available prior to the release of CAASPP summative assessments. An announcement will be sent out when this support becomes available.
2. If the operating systems of devices used within your local educational agency (LEA) are configured to update automatically, the auto update feature should be turned off either on the device itself or on a third-party device-management system. **Operating systems should never update during your selected testing window.**
3. Verify that operating systems used by devices within your LEA are compatible with the secure browser before your selected testing window opens.
4. **All devices must run the latest version of the CAASPP secure browser.** In addition to being used to take the online Smarter Balanced Online Summative Assessments and Interim Assessments, the secure browser also will be used to take the California Alternate Assessments (CAA). Make sure that any devices used for CAA testing must have the secure browser installed.

5. The secure browser version 7.2, used for most desktops, laptops, and netbooks during the 2014–15 CAASPP administration, is set to **expire on December 31, 2015**. After that date, students will not be able to access the summative or interim assessments so it is critical that devices be updated to secure browser for the 2015–16 administration.
6. Version 6.5 of the secure browser that runs on Mac OS X (Intel) 10.5 does not require updating, nor will it update automatically.

Please communicate this information with your LEA technology coordinators and/or CAASPP test site coordinators as appropriate.

Questions about supported operating systems, secure browsers, and all other topics regarding CAASPP administration should be directed to CalTAC by phone at 800-955-2954 or by e-mail at caltac@ets.org.

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