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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

Congratulations on the successful completion of the 2016–17 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) test administration! CAASPP systems have resumed operation after they were updated to support 2017–18 CAASPP testing. CAASPP assessments will be available according to the following schedule:

- **Now Available**—Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments, including the new and revised Interim Assessment Blocks for 2017–18, available to local educational agencies (LEAs) that have established users (Details about features and accessing the new Interim Assessments Reporting System will be sent in a separate e-mail.)
- **October 30, 2017**—California Alternate Assessment for Science (CAA for Science) Pilot 2 embedded performance tasks available within the Test Operations Management System (TOMS) [**Help**] tab
- **January 9, 2018**—Smarter Balanced English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics assessments available
- **April 2, 2018**—California Science Test (CAST) Field Test available

You can expect the following new features during the 2017–18 test administration:

- New accessibility resources are available for both summative and interim assessments, including the following:
 - Universal Tools—Embedded thesaurus and embedded line reader
 - Designated Supports—Embedded mouse pointer size and color and non-embedded amplification
 - Accommodations—Embedded audio transcript (including braille transcript) for ELA listening passages, and non-embedded word prediction

Additionally, the updated *Smarter Balanced Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines* (PDF) is available on the CAASPP [Student Accessibility Resources and Test Settings](#) Web page.

- The following updates have been made to TOMS:
 - Interim assessment hand scoring materials within the TOMS **[Help]** tab—
Updates to materials for high school English language arts and mathematics and other existing materials
 - LEA dashboard—Displays testing window information for the LEA, including the start date and end date for the selected testing window as soon as it is set up
 - E-mail notifications—Reminders sent two weeks prior to the start of the selected testing window, on the first day of the window, and two weeks prior to the last day of the window
 - User roles—One user account per user role (although that user role may be assigned to different sites within the LEA)
 - California Spanish Assessment (CSA) pilot—Student test assignments available individually or via batch upload (**only** for LEAs selected to participate; must set up a testing window first)

In addition, Educational Testing Service (ETS) has completed repopulating the 2014–15 test results in the Online Reporting System (ORS). Your access to the 2014–15 data in the ORS has been restored.

Questions about the new features and all other topics regarding the 2017–18 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.

Sincerely,

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