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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

I would like to inform you of upcoming updates to the logon scripts in chapters 8 and 9 of the *CAASPP Online Test Administration Manual*. The updates will provide consistency between the scripts delivered by test administrators and the logon screens in the student test delivery system (TDS).

The script updates affect the following assessments:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments
- California Science Test (CAST)
- California Spanish Test (CSA)

The California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) are not affected by these updates.

Actions to Take

- **Between now and April 15, 2019**, in local educational agencies (LEAs) where one or more of the assessments listed previously is being administered, Educational Testing Service (ETS) recommends that LEA CAASPP coordinators notify test administrators of these updates to the student logon screens:
 - The check for sound and video playback occurs for all CAASPP assessments, not just for Smarter Balanced English language arts/literacy.
 - The *Text-to-Speech Sound Check* screen appears under the *Audio/Visual Check* screen for students using the text-to-speech resource.
 - The *Is This Your Test?* screen does not appear to the student.
 - Students are directed to the *Instructions and Help* screen before beginning the test, where they have the option to view the Help Guide and verify test settings before beginning the test.

- The [**Begin Test Now**] button appears at the bottom of the *Instructions and Help* screen.
- ETS will update scripts in chapters 8 and 9 of the *Online Test Administration Manual* and repost the individual *Directions for Administration (DFA)* PDFs to the CAASPP Portal by April 15, 2019. Once the revised *DFAs* are posted, ETS recommends that LEA CAASPP coordinators distribute the updated *DFAs* to test administrators.

This information is also posted the [CAASPP Known Issues Log](#) web page.

Questions regarding the 2018–19 CAASPP administration should be directed to the California Technical Assistance Center by phone at 800-955-2954 or by email at caltac@ets.org.

I apologize for any inconvenience these updates may cause. Thank you for your continued support of CAASPP.

Sincerely,

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