Dear LEA CAASPP coordinator:

In response to your feedback about the Windows Speech Recognition application, I am pleased to inform you that the California Assessment System now supports this speech-to-text software, available on Windows operating systems.

Please take note of the following:

- Only students who are properly set up for the Permissive Mode, according to their prescribed test settings, would be able to utilize the program. Additional information about Permissive Mode is available on page 84 of the 2018–19 Accessibility Guide for CAASPP Testing.
- Continue to monitor testing of students who use the Windows Speech Recognition application to ensure that the student is accessing only allowed applications.
- There is no change for students who do not have the Permissive Mode enabled.

This information is also posted on the CAASPP Known Issues web page.

On behalf of the California Department of Education and Educational Testing Service teams, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in and feedback on the use of the Windows Speech Recognition application as part of CAASPP testing. We take your feedback seriously and appreciate the patience you gave us as we investigated compatibility and implemented support for this application.

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.

Sincerely,

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