Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator or LEA ELPAC Coordinator:

The California Department of Education and the Educational Testing Service (ETS) team, in partnership with Smarter Balanced, are working diligently to ensure that all components of the September 2019 system release meet local educational agency (LEA) expectations. To that end, I am providing clarifications and updates to the September 3, 2019, release. Note that, unless specified here, all other systems and assessment components planned for release on September 3 are on track and are not impacted by these updates:

- The 2019–20 Smarter Balanced Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs), Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs), and Focused IABs will be available as planned on September 3, with the exception of the Focused IABs for “Write and Revise Narratives” for certain grades.
  - The Focused IABs for “Write and Revise Narratives” in grades three through six and grade eight will be available on September 16, 2019.
  - The ICAs for grades nine and ten also will be available on September 16 as planned.
  - The 2019–20 Interim Assessment test results will be available in the Interim Assessment Reporting System (California Educator Reporting System) on September 6, 2019, to allow for complete end-to-end testing of the process to report interim assessment results.

- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) indicator continues to be updated in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) and will be available in the Test Operations Management System (TOMS) by September 10, 2019. Administration of the California Alternate Assessment for Science also will be available on September 10, when the IDEA indicator is available.

- As in previous years, ETS suspended the CALPADS updates in TOMS for CAASPP at the end of the statewide testing window, which also suspended the feature that permitted test results—electronic Student Score Reports and results in the Online Reporting System (ORS)—to follow a student to a current LEA. The release on September 3 will include the latest CALPADS
data in TOMS, which will then allow test results for new students to appear in the LEA’s student information system or parent or student portal, as well as in the ORS.

Thank you for your patience and your continued support of CAASPP and ELPAC. Please contact the California Technical Assistance Center by phone at 800-955-2954 or by email at callac@ets.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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