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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In a few weeks, your child will participate in the Spring 2018 administration of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). All students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take the Smarter Balanced computer adaptive assessments or the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. At Florin High School, all students in grade 12 will participate in the field test of the new California Science Test (CAST) or the California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science. These new science assessments are being piloted by the state to ensure accurate and meaningful scores are reported for the operational tests that will be administered to students in 2019, and as such, students will not receive science scores this year.

CAASPP test results provide valuable information about student academic progress. It is extremely important that students do their best when taking these tests. Parents can play an important role in preparing their child to take these assessments. To reduce anxieties or fears about these tests, reassure your student that the test results will help them understand what concepts they have mastered and those that they still need to learn. On testing days, make sure your child has had a good night's rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and attends school.

EGUSD will use CAASPP scores in a variety of different ways. These scores will allow teachers to chart your child's progress over the years and are essential tools in helping your student reach their highest academic potential. At the district level, CAASPP scores will be vital in helping administrators track our school's overall performance. At the state and national levels, state and federal education experts will use CAASPP scores to monitor the overall excellence of the district. Additionally, students in the eleventh grade who complete the SBAC ELA and math assessments will receive a college readiness status through the integrated Early Assessment Program (EAP). Students who demonstrate readiness through the EAP can save time and money, bypassing placement tests at the CSU and participating community colleges.

Pursuant to California Education Code 60615, parents may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse their child from any or all of CAASPP.

The CAASPP Program includes the following tests that students at our school are to take on the dates listed:

School Testing Dates	School Makeup Dates	2018 CAASPP Tests
April 17-18 & April 24-25	April 25-27	SBAC ELA and Math
April 10-11	April 12-13	CAST/CAA for Science Grade 12

Sincerely,

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