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STATEWIDE TESTING NOTIFICATION

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Dear Parent/Guardian;

California students take several mandated statewide tests. These tests provide parents/guardians, teachers, and educators with information about how well students are learning and becoming college and career ready. The test results may be used for local, state, and federal accountability purposes.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Assessments**
The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) computer adaptive assessments are aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics tests are administered in grades three through eight and grade eleven to measure whether students are on track to college and career readiness. In grade eleven, results from the ELA and math assessments can be used as an indicator of college readiness.
- **California Science Tests (CAST)**
The new, computer-based CAST measures student acquisition of the California Next Generation Science Standards. It is administered in grades five and eight, and once in high school. The new computer-based CAST replaces the California Standards Tests (CST) for Science.
- **California Alternate Assessments (CAA)**
The computer-based CAA for ELA and CAA for mathematics is administered to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in grades three through eight and grade eleven. Test items are aligned with the CCSS and are based on the Core Content Connectors. The instructionally embedded CAA for Science is administered in grades five and eight, and once in high school.

Remote testing is available for Smarter Balanced/California Science Tests for BDA-ISP/HH students only, although it is highly recommended to schedule in-person testing for your student, if available.

Pursuant to California *Education Code* Section 60615, parents/guardians may annually submit to the school a written request to Olivia Dilbeck at the Barstow High School to excuse their child from any or all of the CAASPP assessments. For more information, call the office at 760-255-6128.

Testing Schedule:

March 25 – 26: Science exams, grade 11
March 25 – 26: Science exams, grade 12
April 1 – 2: English Language exams, grade 11
April 4 – 5: Math exams, grade 11
March 25 – April 5: CAA exams

Thank you for your support during state testing,

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