EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educational Services

Dear Parent/Guardian,

When registering your child for school, you listed that your child speaks a language other than English. In California public schools, all students entering school for the first time will be assessed with the Initial English Language Proficiency Assessments for California, or "Initial ELPAC," if their home language is not English.

The Initial ELPAC is a required test that will help identify students who need help learning English by determining whether the student is an English learner or is fluent in English. This is important so they can get the support they need to do well in all school subjects. Your child's voice is being recorded as part of the Speaking portion of the computer-based test. A small percentage of student responses will be used to validate the accuracy of scoring and will not be used for identification. All recorded responses will be destroyed after the scores are validated.

Based on the Home Language Survey results, your child will be assessed with the Initial ELPAC. **If your child has an IEP, they will take the Initial Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) as listed in their individualized education program, or IEP. During this test, your child may use sign language, eye gaze, pointing, gestures, alternative communication devices, or other alternate modes to understand and express information. This test gives your child's teacher information about where they need extra support.**

You are an important part of your child's education. To help your child get ready for the test, you can:

- Read to your child or have your child read to you on a regular basis.
- Use pictures and ask your child to tell you what they see, or what is happening in each picture.
- Provide your child with opportunities to use language outside of school.
- Talk with your child's teacher about your child's listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills to help support their progress.

You can access your child's score report, Initial ELPAC / Initial Alternate ELPAC, through the PowerSchool Student or Parent Portal.

To learn more about the ELPAC, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp. You also can review sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the ELPAC Starting Smarter website at https://elpac.startingsmarter.org/. If you have any questions about your child taking the ELPAC, you can contact your child's school principal and https://www.eesd.org/departments/educational-services/assessments-and-accountability/testing- clone.

Sincerely,

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