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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As an English learner, your child will take the Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) this spring. The Summative ELPAC measures how much progress your child is making in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English. Your child's voice will be recorded during the speaking part of the test. These recordings may be used to double check test scores and will not be saved or made public. This test will give the teacher information about where your child may need extra support.

Your child will take the Summative ELPAC every spring until they are fluent in English and no longer need support to understand and learn in English.

You are an important part of your child's education. To make sure your child feels comfortable taking the test, you can:

- Explain that the test is a tool to help them learn and to not be anxious or scared.
- Remind your child that you and their teacher want them to try their very best.
- Explore a practice test at [elpac.org/resources/online-practice-and-training-test/](https://elpac.org/resources/online-practice-and-training-test/) to become familiar with the platform and setup.
- Talk with the teacher about the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills needed to help support learning.

You will receive test results at or before the beginning of the next school year. The results will identify where your child is doing well or needs more help, so you can better support their learning at home and teachers can better support their learning in the classroom.

To learn more about these tests, visit:

- ELPAC Starting Smarter: [elpac.startingsmarter.org/](https://elpac.startingsmarter.org/)
- Parent Guides to Understanding: [cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp](https://cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp)

If you have any questions about the Summative ELPAC, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

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