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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This spring, students in the Cajon Valley Union School District will participate in the statewide California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and career. CAASPP includes computer adaptive tests in English-language (ELA) and mathematics. CAASPP will also include the operational California Science Test (CAST), and the California Alternate Assessment for Science Test both of which will be administered online.

This year, students will participate according to the chart below:

Testing Window April 5 through June 4, 2027 (testing dates within the window will vary for each individual school)	
Grades Tested	Test Administered
Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	Smarter Balanced for ELA and Math
Grades 5 and 8	California Science Tests (CAST)
Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) for ELA and Math (students with significant cognitive disabilities)
Grades 5 and 8	California Alternate Assessment for Science (students with significant cognitive disabilities)

To learn about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test online at the California Department of Education (CDE) Smarter Balanced Practice Test at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html> and select the **Student Interface Practice and Training Tests**.

Following the spring 2027 testing, your students' individual English Language Arts, Mathematics, and California Science Test (CAST) score report can be accessed electronically through the **ParentPortal** on our student information system. Student score reports will include an overall score, a description of the student's achievement level for ELA, Math, and Science, as well as additional information. Parents/Guardians will be notified through **ParentSquare** when results are available.

Education Code allows for the exemption of students from state testing. Parents may request exemption by completing the waiver form available in the school office.

If you would like more information, please visit the link of the CDE CAASPP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>. If you have any questions regarding your child's participation, please contact your child's school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Miyashiro', written over a horizontal line.

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