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SUBJECT: New K-12 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

The new California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) results will be released this month to K-12 students across the state. The foundation of the new assessment is the Smarter Balanced computer-based assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards. The Chancellor's Office and California Community Colleges faculty have invested significant effort in development of the Smarter Balanced 11th grade assessment, which includes the Early Assessment Program (EAP).

The California Community Colleges join the California State University in defining, for the purposes of the EAP, CAASPP Level 4 as college ready, Level 3 as conditionally ready and Levels 1 and 2 as not ready. The new version of the EAP is completely embedded within the CAASPP. This change allows all California 11th grade students to participate in the EAP and receive information on their college-readiness levels. In order to ensure colleges are familiar with the new score reports, a sample score report is attached for your review, along with an EAP flyer designed for high school seniors. Additional information on the CAASPP can be found at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caaspp15rpttalkpts.asp>.

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