Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator or LEA ELPAC Coordinator:

Understanding what students know and can do is essential to making good decisions about student learning, which is why California State Assessments offer accessibility resources that ensure all students have equal access to assessment.

Educational Testing Service (ETS) and WestEd, on behalf of the California Department of Education, interviewed educators in the San Diego Unified School District to obtain feedback on the importance of implementing accessibility resources for students in the classroom. Best practices used by these educators are highlighted in a new video, Importance of Implementing CAASPP and ELPAC Accessibility Resources: Voices from Educators. Because each school might have a different process that will work for the LEA, we suggest using this training video as a starting point when deciding how to implement accessibility resources for students. The video provides a training opportunity for staff who are developing accessibility processes.

To help understand the types of accessibility resources are available to students, we have posted the updated 2019–2020 *CAASPP and ELPAC Accessibility Guide for Online Testing*. It is available in the following locations on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) and English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) websites:

- CAASPP Accessibility Resources web page
- ELPAC Student Accessibility Resources web page

Although statewide testing has been suspended, we have posted the updated *Accessibility Guide* to provide information about available accessibility resources for local educational agency (LEA) CAASPP coordinators, LEA ELPAC coordinators, CAASPP test site coordinators, site ELPAC coordinators, test administrators, and test examiners. It describes the universal tools, designated supports, accommodations, and test settings used in the following California online assessments:

- Smarter Balanced for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA)
- Smarter Balanced for Mathematics
- California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for ELA
- CAA for Mathematics
- CAA for Science
- California Science Test (CAST)
- California Spanish Assessment (CSA)
- Summative ELPAC

Updated information includes configuration information, how to create test sessions, and how to configure and administer tests to students with visual impairment.

Direct questions about assigning student accessibility resources to the California Technical Assistance Center, by phone at 800-955-2954 or by email at caltac@ets.org.

Sincerely,

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