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Subject: Reminder--Digital Library Decommission on May 28, 2020



Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator or LEA ELPAC Coordinator:

This is a follow-up to the [February 7, 2020, email](#) regarding preparation for the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium's decommissioning of the Digital Library on May 28, 2020, and the launch of the Tools for Teachers website, which will be available for preview in June 2020 and operationally in September 2020.

Last week, all currently registered Digital Library users were notified of the upcoming Digital Library decommission date and were advised to download and save any Digital Library resources for future, anticipated use. Once the Digital Library is decommissioned, many of the instructional and professional learning resources that reside there will no longer be available.

Starting on June 16, 2020, Tools for Teachers will replace the Digital Library as the formative assessment component of the Smarter Balanced assessment system. Tools for Teachers is an easy-to-use website featuring lessons and activities that incorporate the formative assessment process. It was created with the assistance of hundreds of educators, including California teachers. This resource will help educators reflect on their students' knowledge and take action on next steps to meet learning goals. Some of the features of this new website include the following:

- Responsive, accessible instructional resources aligned with learning standards
- Interactive Connections Playlists of resources linked to interim assessments
- Formative assessment and accessibility strategies embedded in every instructional resource

Local educational agency (LEA) staff who previously had a Digital Library account will automatically receive a Tools for Teachers account to become familiar with its use through access to the preview website. Many of the 750 instructional and professional development resources featured for preview will be available after the official grand opening of the operational website, which is scheduled for late September.

For more information about this new website, visit the [Smarter Balanced Tools for Teachers](#) web page. Please remind all Digital Library users in your LEA of this important new resource.

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

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