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## Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator or LEA ELPAC Coordinator:

Smarter Balanced recently completed a review of all items connected to the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments. The purpose of the review was to identify and remove any items that could be deemed potentially sensitive to students during this time.

As a result of this review, four English language arts/literacy (ELA) interim assessments—one Interim Assessment Block (IAB) and three Focused IABs—have been temporarily removed from the Test Administrator Interface. They are as follows:

- 1. Grade three ELA IAB—Research
- 2. Grade seven ELA Focused IAB—Research: Analyze and Integrate Information
- Grade seven ELA Focused IAB—Research: Evaluate Information and Sources
- 4. High school ELA Focused IAB—Language and Vocabulary Use

More than 100 interim assessments remain available for local educational agency (LEA) staff to use for distance learning. If educators or students require assistance administering interim assessments remotely, please refer them to the instructions located on the <u>CAASPP Interim Assessment Administration Resources</u> webpage.

Please share this information with educators in your LEA and let us know if Educational Testing Service can assist your LEA in any way as you move forward with distance learning. Questions regarding the use of interim assessments during distance learning should be directed to the California Technical Assistance Center, by phone at 800-955-2954 or by email at <a href="mailto:caltac@ets.org">caltac@ets.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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