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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, students in grades three through eight and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System. Our school will be administering CAASPP tests from March 24-25th, and May 18-21. Please visit our website to find more information about CAASPP testing at our school

CAASPP is an annual academic testing system that provides information on student progress to ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and/or career. CAASPP assessments include English–language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics for students in grades 11, the California Science Test (CAST) for students in grades 11 and 12. Students with significant cognitive disabilities take the California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for ELA, math, and science. The California Spanish Assessment (CSA) is administered in grades 11 to Spanish-speaking English Learners who have been enrolled in a U.S. school less than 12 months and students in a Spanish dual-language program regardless of their language classification.

All CAASPP tests measure what students know and are able to do. The tests include many different types of questions that allow students to interact with the test questions. Results help identify gaps in knowledge or skills early on so students can get the support needed to be successful in school. To learn more, you and your child can visit the California Department of Education (CDE) Website at this web address <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>.

The CDE will no longer print CAASPP Student Score Reports (SSR). Hence, parents will no longer receive their student's SSR by mail. In Los Angeles Unified, parents will be able to access their student's electronic CAASPP SSR in the Parent Portal. The Parent Portal is a one-stop online system that connects parents and guardians to their student's testing and other essential data. Parents can monitor student's attendance, grades, assignments, update emergency telephone numbers, track student progress toward graduation, and much more. If you do not have a Parent Portal account, we encourage you to create one soon. If you need assistance creating a Parent Portal account, please contact Erin Suess at (818) 756-2700, or email at ees0792@lausd.net.

The electronic CAASPP SSR offers a more dynamic way of providing information about students. Parents will be able to securely access their child's current and previous test reports using a mobile device or a computer. The CAASPP SSR contains crucial information about the test and it includes links and resources to help parents better understand the report and help their students.

As the parent or guardian, you have the option of excusing your child(ren) from any part of the CAASPP. If you would like to excuse your child from any of the tests, you must submit your request in writing to the school [Education Code 60615.] Please let the school know as soon as possible so we can make alternative arrangements for your child(ren).

At Grant High School, our goal is for all students to achieve their full potential. The CAASPP test results are one way we can better understand if we are meeting that goal. Thank you for all you do to partner with us in your child's education. If you have any questions regarding CAASPP, please contact Carrie Schwartz at (818)756-2710 or Erin Suess at ees0792@lausd.net.

Thank you,

Rebecca McMurrin, Principal