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Dear Parent/Guardian:

At the end of last school year, your child took part in the California Alternate Assessments (CAA/CalAlt) for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics. These tests are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards, for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The purpose of the CAA/CalAlt is to measure what students know and can do. These measures help identify and address gaps in knowledge or skills early so students can receive the support they need.

Your child's report shows scores for ELA and mathematics. If your student took the test in past years, you will also see past scores, so you can look at your child's progress over time. If your child was given the CAA/CalAlt for Science pilot test, you will find general information about that test on the back of the Student Score Report. The CAA/CalAlt for Science is still being developed, and no scores will be reported until the test is operational.

*To find out more about your student's scores:*

The California Department of Education CAASPP Student Score Report Information Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppssrinfo.asp> has the following materials to help parents and guardians understand the score reports:

- Understanding the Student Score Report — CAA, a video
- Guide to Understanding the CAA Student Score Report
- Sample Student Score Report

In our district, the test results are just one way to look at how well students are doing. These results are also being provided to your child's school, who can use them to help set learning goals for students this year. We invite you to take an active part in those discussions. If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Crystal Turner'.

Crystal Turner, Ed.D.  
Superintendent