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California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) has released the first public scores today for students, parents, the media, local school boards, and the general public to preview some of the changes being implemented to improve teaching and learning in California schools. Knowing that public schools are preparing students for the challenges of the future, California has developed a comprehensive plan for high-quality teaching and learning in every school. As we have experienced with other assessments (CAHSEE, SAT, AP, IB), our student's scores exceeded State and national averages. However, there is significant room for growth, especially in mathematics.

Though it is impossible to compare these scores with the hand-written, multiple choice tests of the past California Standards Tests, we see some strong similarities in performance data. Changes over the past four years in instructional practices in English, math, and across the entire curriculum that focus on critical thinking skills, problem solving and application of knowledge will ensure that our students make steady progress moving forward. We will continue to adjust our programs to match rigorous standards on the local, state, national and international levels.

As teachers and administrators, we welcome any data that will help us grow and discover what students know and have not yet attained, so that we can adjust instructional practices. The State tests are an academic check-up, designed to give teachers feedback so they can improve instruction and the tools to improve teaching and learning. Like class assignments and report cards, tests provide one more measurement of student progress. In many cases, new textbooks and materials have only recently been adjusted to the curriculum, and this year's test results will be a benchmark to measure the progress we expect students to make over the next few years.

Web site links:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/communicationskit.asp>

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