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Dear Parent or Guardian:

In spring of 2022, students participated in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).

Your child took the following test(s), depending on their grade level:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics (3rd-8th, 11th grades)
- California Science Test (CAST) (5th, 8th, 11th, 12th grades)
- California Spanish Assessment (CSA) (3rd-8th, 11th, 12th grades)

Student Score Reports can be accessed electronically through the parent portal on our student information system PowerSchool: <https://wccusd.powerschool.com/public/>. Student score reports will not be mailed. However, you will have access to print them. If you do not already have access to PowerSchool, please contact your school for instructions on creating an account.

The score report will show scores for ELA and mathematics. It includes an overall score for each subject and information about how well your child did in different areas. Students in grades four through eight who took the test in previous years will also see past scores, so you can see your child's progress over time.

To learn more about your child's scores, go to the new parent web page called *Starting Smarter*, available at <https://ca.startingsmarter.org/>. This site includes:

- resources to help understand results on the student score reports
- access to sample test questions and practice tests
- no-cost resources to support learning
- a guide for parent-teacher conferences

In our district, the test results are just one way to look at how well our students are performing on grade level standards. We use the results to find areas where students are doing well and areas in which they need help. It is also important to know that the test results are not used to determine whether a student moves to the next grade.

Note: If your child took the California Science Test (CAST) and California Spanish Assessment (CSA) the results will be provided to you later this fall.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the school office to arrange a conference with your child's teacher.