

District Continuous Improvement & Support

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

-Benjamin Franklin

Good Afternoon District Leaders,

All of you are working tirelessly to support our kids and communities through this time of uncertainty. Most importantly, we hope you and your families are safe. We are here to support and help with whatever you need. There are many unknowns, please reach out as you have questions and we will work with you to get the guidance or answers you need as soon as we can. We have pulled together guidance and resources for you to use, please find all that information by scrolling down. Again, we are here for you, please reach out with questions or for specific partnership for your district.

Thank you,

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News and Updates

State Testing Updates

The following statewide tests have been suspended:

- CAASPP testing
- Summative ELPAC testing
- The Physical Fitness Test has been placed on hold until students return to school
- The California High School Proficiency Examination test administration is canceled for the weekend of March 21st. All March test takers have been reregistered for June or provided information on how to request a refund. Additional locations and space within current locations will be increased to accommodate this change.
- High school equivalency testing has been placed on hold until testing centers are reopened

The Initial ELPAC assessment will not be suspended. However, no testing is expected while schools are shut down. Once schools return, the expectation will be that students identified as requiring the Initial ELPAC will be tested. Senate Bill 117 extended the timeline to conduct the Initial ELPAC by 45 days (75 days total). The expectation is that LEAs will continue to assess new students whose primary language is not English when they return this year or next school year.

Educational Testing Service (ETS) is working with the CDE to determine the best way to handle completed and partially completed assessments. ETS will contact coordinators as those decisions are made.

Access to the Smarter Balanced Digital Library is still available for all teachers who have accounts. The Digital Library offers free lesson plans for teachers in multiple subjects and at all grade levels. The CAASPP and ELPAC practice and training tests are still available. The Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments will remain open to be used upon the return of students and teachers to the classroom.

Distance Learning LiveBinder

This binder provides a collection of useful and practical resources that support school districts, teachers, and parents with distance learning.

tinyurl.com/distancelearninglivebinder

COVID-19 Updates - Listserv Access

If you wish to subscribe to weekly CDE COVID-19 Updates, please send a blank email to: join-covid19-update@mlist.cde.ca.gov.

Visit <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/coronavirus.asp> to find helpful updates from the week of March 20, 2020, including:

- Important COVID-19 Website Updates
- Nutrition App Update
- Special Education Guidance Document Release
- Submission Update – CALPADS

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