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Dear Staff & Friends of East Side Union High School District,

The 2014-2015 school year marked the first year that the country took the new Smarter Balanced Assessment in English Language Arts/Literacy and Math. The following is an executive summary of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) scores from Spring 2014 for East Side Union High School District and Santa Clara County.

The following are key highlights:

- When looking at the new CAASPP data, we are only able to look at the results for one year, and therefore, cannot make conclusions about trends or growth.
- The California Standards Test (CST) evaluated students based on an old set of standards; therefore, we cannot make conclusions about students performing better or worse on the new CAASPP tests. Nonetheless, we have a higher percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards on the new CAASPP ELA and Math tests than we had students scoring proficient or above on the 2012-2013 CSTs in ELA and Math.
- The tests include performance tasks that challenge students to demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving, and to apply their knowledge and skills to real-world problems.
- This year's results will establish a new baseline for the progress we expect students to make over time, which was not possible in California's previous system.
- Only high school students in grade 11 took the CAASPP. These students took the grade 11 CAASPP regardless of the course they were enrolled in. For example, a student enrolled in Geometry and a student enrolled in Calculus will take the same test.
- 60% of ESUHS D students met or exceeded the standard in ELA.
- 39% of ESUHS D students met or exceeded the standard in Math.

The district expects to receive individual student test scores in September. These will be mailed to parents within 20 days of receipt.

Sincerely,

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