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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP is the state academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress on an annual basis and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and career. CAASPP assessments include computer-based tests in English–language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics for students in grades 3 – 8 and 11 and a new pilot science test in grades 5, 8, 11, and 12. This school year, students will take the CAASPP tests in the within the following testing windows:

Dates	Assessment	School	Grades Testing
April 16 – April 27	ELA, Math	Manhattan Beach MS	6 th , 7 th , 8 th
April 30 – May 4	ELA, Math	Elementary Schools	3 rd
May 7 – May 11	ELA, Math	Elementary Schools	4 th
May 14 – May 18	ELA, Math	Elementary Schools	5 th
May 21 – May 25	ELA, Math	Mira Costa HS	11 th
April 16 – June 1	Science (pilot)	All schools	5 th , 8 th , 11 th , 12 th
April 16 – June 1	Make-up tests	All schools	As needed

To learn about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test online at the California Department of Education (CDE) Smarter Balanced Practice Test Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>. Additional testing information and resources are available on the MBUSD CAASPP webpage at <http://goo.gl/uT4hCD>. #

Individual student score reports will be sent home to parents at the beginning of the following school year. Student score reports will include an overall score and a description of the student’s achievement level for ELA and mathematics. Early Assessment Program (EAP) results will be included on the score reports for students in grade 11, providing an early indication of readiness for college-level coursework.

With CAASPP, the purpose of statewide annual assessments shifted from producing annual accountability reports to assisting teachers, administrators, and pupils and their parents to improve teaching and learning throughout the school year. [Education Code 60602. (a)] Results from the CAASPP assessments will be used, along with other available data, to determine the impact of selected curriculum/programs, and to make other instructional plans. If you would like to learn more about the value and purpose of annual CAASPP testing for schools and districts, please visit the following webpage at <https://goo.gl/pNy2Wo>. Additional information on CAASPP is also available on the Parent/Student tab of the California Department of Education (CDE) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>.

As the parent or guardian, you have the option of excusing your child from any part of the CAASPP. If you would like to excuse your child from the test, you must submit your request in writing to your school principal. [Education Code 60615.] Please let the school know as soon as possible so alternative arrangements can be made for your student.

If you have any questions regarding CAASPP, please contact If you have any questions regarding your child's participation, please contact Dr. Chad Mabery, Director of Data, Assessment, and Professional Development at 310-318-7345 x5980/email cmabery@mbusd.org or Dr. Katherine Whittaker-Stopp, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services at 310-318-7345 x5989/email at kstopp@mbusd.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chad Mabery & Dr. Katherine Whittaker Stopp