Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year, students in grades three through eight and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).

**This year, your child will take the following test(s), depending on their grade level:**

* Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics in grades three through eight and grade eleven
* California Science Test (CAST) in grades five and eight and once in high school

The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and the CAST are online tests that measure what your student knows and is able to do. The tests include many different types of questions that allow students to interact with the test questions. Results help identify gaps in knowledge or skills early on so your child can get the support needed to be successful in school.

You are an important part of your child’s education. To help your child get ready for the test you can:

* Talk about the test with your child. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
* Tell your child that you and their teacher have high expectations and are both there to help, every step of the way.
* Take a practice test with your child.
* Make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.
* Make sure your child is on time to school everyday starting on Monday, May 6, 2019 through Friday, May 17, 2019.

If you have questions, please contact **Woodville Union School District** at **559-686-9713.**

The CCCs identify priorities in each content area to guide the instruction for students in this population and for the alternate assessment.

Sincerely,

Lou Saephan,

Superintendent/Principal