

Dear Parents:

On April 21, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the implementation of local assessments in place of State Assessments. The Board Item and details can be found [here](#).

Given the challenges of administering a lengthy state assessment, and as a result of flexibility provided by the approved State waiver, the Board approved the administration of local assessments for reading and math in grades 3 - 8, and CAASPP in grade 11 only. The District will also not administer the state science assessment (CAST) this year.

During the April 21, 2021 Board meeting, CUSD Trustees approved the District's plan to move forward with the following:

- Grades 3 - 5: Students will complete iReady Reading and Math diagnostics tests. Math assessments are already planned as part of the elementary curriculum.
- Grades 6 - 8: Students will complete iReady Reading and Math diagnostic tests.
- Grade 11: Students will complete the CAASPP assessments in English Language Arts and Math. The grade 11 CAASPP is part of the Early Assessment Program (EAP) for the California State university system and is critical for future college class placement with the CSU and Community College programs.
- The CAA will be provided for those students with disabilities per the student IEP or for those enrolled in District modified programs and curriculum.
- The District will not be administering the California Science Test for grades 5, 8, 11 or 12 due to the same constraints that we have with the CAASPP assessment.

School sites will be notifying parents regarding the schools testing timelines in the coming weeks. If you have questions, please contact your school site.