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Dear Parent/Guardian:

You indicated that your child's primary or home language is not English when registering your child for school. In California public schools, all students entering school for the first time will be assessed with the Initial English Language Proficiency Assessments for California, or "Initial ELPAC," if their home language is not English. Based on the home language survey results, your child will be assessed with the Initial ELPAC.

The Initial ELPAC is the test used to determine if a student is an English learner or is fluent in English. This required test will help identify students who need help learning English. This is important so they can get the support they need to do well in all school subjects.

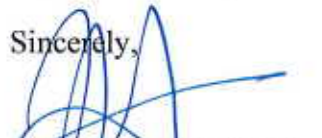
You are an important part of your child's education. To help your child get ready for the test, you can:

- Read to your child, or have them read to you on a regular basis.
- Use pictures and ask your child to tell you what they see, or what is happening in each picture.
- Provide your child with opportunities to use language outside of school.
- Talk with your child's teacher about your child's listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills to help support their progress.

To learn more about the ELPAC, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guide to Understanding the ELPAC Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/elpacparentguide.asp>.

You also can look at sample test questions on the ELPAC practice tests, which can be found on the ELPAC Website at <https://www.elpac.org/resources/practicetests/>.

If you have any questions about your child taking the ELPAC, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

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