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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child will participate in the Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) or the Summative Alternate ELPAC, this spring, between February 1, 2023, and April 28, 2023. The state requires English Learners in kindergarten through grade twelve take the Summative ELPAC every year until they are reclassified as proficient in English. The Summative ELPAC measures progress in the areas of: listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills (receptive and expressive in the Summative Alternate ELPAC) in English when English is not the primary language spoken at home. During the speaking part of the test, your child's voice will be recorded. These recordings may be used to double check test scores and will not be saved or made public. This test will give your child's teacher information about where your child may need extra support. The test results will inform your child's teacher the areas in which English language support is needed.

To help your child get ready for the ELPAC, you can:

- Read and or listen to your child or have them read to you regularly (in English or Spanish). Use pictures and ask your child to describe what they see and what is happening in each picture.
- Provide your child with opportunities to use language outside of school.
- Talk with the teacher about your child's listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills and ask for best strategies that will support language at home.
- Explore a practice test with your child at elpac.org/resources/online-practice-and-training-test/ so they are familiar with the platform and test setup.

To learn more about the ELPAC, go to the California Department of Education's *Starting Smarter* website, <https://elpac.startingsmarter.org/> or, to learn more about the Alternate ELPAC, visit: <https://www.elpac.org/training/videos/intro-to-the-alt-elpac-for-parents-english/> or to review the *Parent Guides to Understanding* at cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp.

You will receive your child's results at or before the beginning of the next school year. The results will identify where your child is doing well or needs additional acceleration or enrichment support. Talk to your child's teacher about their results and how you can partner to help support your child's learning.

For more information about your child's testing schedule, contact your child's school. Thank you for collaborating with us to support your child's academic success.

Sincerely,


Lydia Acosta Stephens
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