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Dear **Year Long Distance Learning and Home School Program Families**,

During this time of year, all California public school students begin State testing. Due to the COVID pandemic, State testing was cancelled last year. This year, State testing will take place. The California Department of Education, the State Board and US Department of Education have determined that students should NOT return to school for the sole purpose of testing, if they are learning from home. ([US Dept. of Education Approves California's Assessment Plan](#)) For our PSD students in Year Long Distance Learning (YLDL) or Home School Program, this means that State testing is not mandatory, however we are providing it as an option to our Year Long Distance Learning School and Home School families.

We are asking all 3rd - 8th grade YLDL and Home School families to fill out this document by Thursday, May 6th. - [Year Long Distance Learning and Home School Spring Test Opt-in/Opt-out \(CAASPP\)](#). You can determine whether you want to opt in for testing or not. If there is a reason why your student should not be tested, you will need to send a letter to your home school principal and identify this reason as well as fill out the above referenced form **no later than Thursday, May 6th..** If you opt in, you will receive an email in the coming weeks regarding next steps.

Testing will occur at either Sunset Ridge or Vallemar School on the following dates and times:

- May 12th - ELA & Math from 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- May 13th - ELA & Math from 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- May 19th - Performance Task from 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- May 20th - Performance Task from 1:30pm - 3:30pm

If you opt in, students are expected to be **present at all testing sessions**. We will adhere to the following safety precautions:

- All students and staff will wear a mask while on site
- Students will be asked to sanitize their hands before entering and upon exiting
- Students will be spaced 6 feet apart from one another
- Student desks will be sanitized before students enter for testing and upon exiting

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

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