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## DISTRICT NEWS BRIEF & UPDATES

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*Mission: Inspire learning*

*Vision: Engaging and ❤️ (valuing/caring) for our families, students and staff to empower our community.*

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### **SPECIAL NEWSLETTER**

#### **State Testing for 3rd - 6th Grade Students**

Our 3rd through 6th graders will begin taking our state tests the **California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress** or **CAASPP** beginning next week. These tests are taken on a computer and they assess students' knowledge and skills in English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics. Below is a link to the Parent Guide to Understanding these assessments:

- [The Parent Guide to Understanding - English](#)
- [The Parent Guide to Understanding - Spanish](#)

To help your child do his/her best, please ensure that he/she...

- Gets a good nights' rest
- Has a good healthy breakfast
- Gets to school on time
- Is encouraged to do his/her best

Please keep testing in perspective - ***no single test defines how smart, successful, or worthy they are.***

Here are some additional resources for parents.

- [Starting Smarter Be a Partner \(CA Department of Education\) - English](#)
- [Starting Smarter Be a Partner \(CA Department of Education\) - Spanish](#)

## *Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccines Update*

As you may be aware we are no longer expecting a state pediatric COVID vaccine mandate for the 2022-23 school year.

Here is some information provided to us from our County Office of Education:

*CDPH signaled that the pediatric COVID-19 vaccines, which continue to be allowed under a federal emergency use authorization but do not have full FDA approval, will not be required until July 1, 2023, at the earliest for K-12 school settings. You can [click here](#) to read the full CDPH statement on the issue.*

*A bill in the state Legislature that would have mandated COVID-19 vaccines and eliminated personal belief exemptions was withdrawn by its sponsor, state Sen. Richard Pan, D-Sacramento. It is no longer being considered for this legislative session. You can [click here](#) to read a statement by Dr. Pan about his decision to withdraw the legislation.*

*Despite the lack of a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for school-aged children, vaccines remain an important tool in helping limit the transmission and severity of the disease, and students and staff are urged to stay up-to-date on vaccinations. A current list of planned school vaccine clinics can be found at [scoe.org/vaccines](http://scoe.org/vaccines).*

*People wishing to schedule a free vaccine also can visit [myturn.ca.gov](http://myturn.ca.gov) or call (833) 422-4255 to make a vaccine or booster appointment.*

In partnership with you,

**Dr. David Alexander**

Superintendent

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