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Dear Parents or Guardians:

At the end of last school year, students in grades three through eight and high school participated in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. Signed into law on October 2, 2013 AB 434 establishes the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) assessment system. The primary purpose of the CAASPP system is to assist teachers, administrators, pupils, and their parents by promoting high-quality teaching and learning through the use of a variety of assessment approaches and item types.

**Last year, your child took the following test(s), depending on their grade level:**

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics in grades three through eight and grade eleven
- California Science Test (CAST) in grades five, eight and eleven or twelfth grade if they did not complete the assessment last year

Student Score Reports can now be accessed electronically through the Q Parent Connect portal. The Parent Connect website is:  
<https://qweb.clovisusd.k12.ca.us/ParentPortal>

This is the fifth year students will be receiving scores for the Smarter Balanced test in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The scores for students will range from around 2000 to 3000 and students will receive an achievement level description as either “Exceeding Standard”, “Met Standard”, “Nearly Met Standard”, or “Standard Not Met.” If your student took the test in past years, you will also see past scores so you can look at their progress over time.

The Smarter Balanced test measures “overarching, higher order skills that students need to succeed as they progress through the grades.” The staff at your child’s school welcomes your questions and comments about your child’s education and looks forward to sharing a more complete picture of your child’s academic achievement. In addition, further information on the state test may be found on the California Department of Education Website at [www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov). The Test Score Guide Web site, <http://testscoreguide.org/ca> will give you information about the overall score, what level that score falls into, and the student’s strengths and weaknesses

Sincerely,

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