



# AMARGOSA CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We want to thank you for your continued patience as we adapt our regular school practices and procedures to accommodate the many challenges presented by the pandemic. Parents, students, and teachers have stepped up in heroic ways, and we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

As you may know, each year in the Spring, our district provides the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) statewide assessments in English language arts and math to students in grades 3-8. The California State Board of Education recently approved the plan that allows local educational agencies (LEAs) to use the most viable option for assessment in their local context for the 2020-21 school year. These diagnostic or interim assessments must be aligned with the California Standards and provide results that can be reported to parents/guardians, educators, and the public. Due to various reasons, the Lancaster School District has determined that the administration of CAASPP is not viable at this time and students will not be taking it this year. **However, we will administer the End-of-Year *i-Ready Diagnostic* in reading and math for grades 3-8 for the 2020-21 school year as it is the most viable assessment option.**

The Summative ELPAC will continue to be administered to all English learners.

There are many ways to measure student learning, and the spring test is only one of them. It is not meant to tell the whole story. However, when combined with other factors, like report card grades and teacher input, it will give families a more complete picture of their child's performance so that they can partner with teachers to accelerate learning in the weeks and months ahead.

**For remote administration:** The assessments **MUST** be completed by your child independently. Any assistance from you on test questions will affect the score and make the results invalid. Please encourage your child to independently complete the test to their best ability and let them know that it is okay to get questions wrong.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office or your child's teacher.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning! It is much appreciated.

Sincerely

Richelle Pulos

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