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Dear Parent or Guardian:

This school year students in grades three through eight took one of the following test(s):

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English Language Art/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics in grades three through eight
- California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics in grades three through eight

Student Score Reports for the Smarter Balanced and California Alternate Assessments can now be accessed electronically through the parent portal on PowerSchool - <https://pschool.lancsd.org/public/>. Log into your account and click on Score Reports on the left side menu bar. If you do not have access to a computer, you may go to your child's school and request assistance in obtaining your child's Score Report.

This report shows scores for ELA and mathematics. It includes an overall score for each subject and information about how well your child did in different areas. Students in grades four through eight who took the test in the previous years will also see past scores so you can see your child's progress over time.

To learn more about your child's scores, go to the new parent web page called *Starting Smarter*, available at <https://ca.startingsmarter.org/>

This site includes:

- Resources to help understand results on the student score reports
- Access to sample test questions and practice tests
- No-cost resources to support learning
- A guide for parent-teacher conferences

In Lancaster District, the test results are just one way to look at how well our students are doing. We use the results to find areas where students are doing well and areas in which they need help. It is also important to know that the test results are not used to determine whether a student moves to the next grade.

Sincerely,

Lancaster School District, Assessment and Educational Technology Department