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Dear Parents or Guardians of English Learners:

State and federal laws require all school districts in California to give a state test of English language proficiency each year to every student who has previously been identified as an English learner. In California, the name of this test is the California English Language Development Test (CELDT). The results of the CELDT help measure how each student is progressing toward proficiency in English in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The CELDT is also one of the requirements used for reclassification.

Starting in the 2017-2018 school year, the state of California will release a new English language proficiency test called the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC), which will replace the CELDT. The results of the ELPAC will continue to measure student progress toward proficiency in English in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing and it will also be used as a requirement for reclassification. At this point, the state of California has not yet released new Reclassification Criteria.

In previous years, the CELDT was administered during a testing window between July and October. This will change with the ELPAC, the new testing window will now be between February and March of 2018. Teachers, school staff and other district personnel will receive training on how to administer the test during January and February, 2018.

If you have further questions about the ELPAC, we encourage you to contact your school or contact the Office of Language Acquisition at [ola@sandi.net](mailto:ola@sandi.net). In addition, you are welcome to volunteer at the school and participate on the school's English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) to continue to receive the most updated information about the ELPAC. If you have questions regarding past CELDT scores, reclassification or your child's instructional placement, please contact your child's school during school hours.

Sincerely,

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