

SCOTTS VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting: September 13, 2016

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees receive information regarding the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) annual results for the 2016 administration.

BACKGROUND: The CAASPP is a computer-based test that replaced the former paper-based, multiple-choice assessments in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Math. The online Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments (SBAC) are comprehensive, end-of-year assessments of grade-level learning that measure progress toward college and career readiness. Each test, English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics is comprised of two parts: (1) a computer adaptive test and (2) a performance task; administered within a 12-week window beginning at 66 percent of the instructional year for grades three through eight, or within in a 7-week window beginning at 80 percent of the instructional year for grade eleven.

The summative assessments are aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for ELA and Mathematics. The tests capitalize on the strengths of computer adaptive testing—efficient and precise measurement across the full range of achievement and timely turnaround of results.

The CSTs (California Standards Tests) for Science in grades five, eight, and ten are administered only to students in California public schools. All questions are multiple-choice. These tests were developed specifically to assess students' knowledge of the California content standards for science. The 2016 CSTs were required for students who were enrolled in grades five, eight, and ten at the time of testing. Scores will be available later this fall.

DESCRIPTION DETAILS:

The results show both areas of strength and areas of need throughout the district. Because this is the second year of administering the SBAC, results include changes over time. Our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) outlines the goals and the areas that we will focus on, including full implementation of Common Core State Standards in Math and ELA, focusing on the Next Generation Science Standards, and continuing integrating technology into our teaching.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

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Item Proposed for: Information