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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Identifying students who need help learning English is important so they can get the support that they need to do well in English language arts/literacy, mathematics, science, and other subject areas in school. The Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California, or "Summative ELPAC," is the test used to measure how well students understand English when it is not the language they speak at home. Information from the ELPAC tells your child's teacher about the areas in which your child needs extra support.

Each spring, students in kindergarten through grade twelve who are classified as English learners will take the summative ELPAC until they are reclassified as proficient in English. Students are tested on their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Your child's voice will be recorded as part of the Speaking test. A small percentage of student responses are used to validate the accuracy of scoring and will not be used for identification. All recorded responses will be destroyed after the scores are validated. The window for ELPAC administration is February 1 through May 31.

You are an important part of your child's education. To help your child get ready for the test, you can:

- Read to your child or have them read to you on a regular basis
- Use pictures and ask your child to tell you what they see, or what is happening in each picture.
- Provide your child with opportunities to use language outside of school.
- Talk with your child's teacher about your child's listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to help support their progress.

To learn more about the ELPAC, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You also can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the ELPAC Starting Smarter website at <https://elpac.startingsmarter.org/>.

If you have any questions about your child taking the ELPAC, please contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

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