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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 31, 2020

**TO:** MEMBERS, State Board of Education

**FROM:** TONY THURMOND, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT:** Update on 2018–19 Public Releases for the California Science Test, California Spanish Assessment, and the Preliminary Indicators for the California Alternate Assessment for Science.

## Summary of Key Issues

On February 4, 2020, the California Department of Education (CDE) publicly released the 2018–19 results for the first operational administrations of the California Science Test and the California Spanish Assessment.

The summary reports include state-, county-, district-, and school-level, by student group, for the following assessments:

* California Science Test in grades five and eight and high school
* California Spanish Assessment in grades three through eight and high school

These reports can be found on the CDE Public Reporting website at <https://caaspp-elpac.cde.ca.gov/>.

In January 2020, California reported preliminary indicators for the California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science 2018–19 field test, which consist of a percent correct score and a category description. The CAA for Science preliminary indicators were aggregated by the state, county, local educational agency, and school levels as well as by student groups. These results can be found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caaresearchfiles.asp>. Caution should be used when interpreting the preliminary indicator results, given that the results reflect an assessment that was not yet operational.

## Attachment(s)

None.