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Dear Local Educational Agency CAASPP Coordinators:

**CALIFORNIA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS  
2017–18 SMARTER BALANCED GRADE EIGHT MATHEMATICS**

As part of the review of the 2017-18 Smarter Balanced statewide assessment data, the California Department of Education and its contractor, Educational Testing Service, identified a single grade eight mathematics item that was inadvertently included in the 2017-18 assessment. As part of our efforts to ensure that all student assessment results are accurate, the California Department of Education (CDE) has decided to rescore tests for those students who received the item. Only a minority of eight grade students received the item, which means that the majority of grade eight student results will not be affected. For those that are affected, the CDE estimates an average increase of about 3 scale score points in mathematics. The rescore process will not result in any student receiving a lower score than previously reported and will not impact any other grades or content areas.

Once available, the CDE will provide a timeline for the release of updated Student Score Reports and updated local educational agency (LEA) student result files. A timeline for the public release of CAASPP data, including an embargoed LEA preview, will also be provided. Please note that these delays will not impact the release of the California School Dashboard.

It is also important to note that Smarter Balanced staff checked both the summative and interim operational pools for similar problems and is confident that this is limited to the single item identified. Additional quality control checks will be conducted by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium to ensure this does not happen in future years.

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If you have any questions regarding this rescore, please contact the CAASPP Office by phone at 916-445-8765 or by email at [caaspp@cde.ca.gov](mailto:caaspp@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

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cc: Regional Assessment Network Members