

May 27, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians of Students in Grades 3-8, and 11:

On behalf of State Superintendent Torlakson and the California Department of Education (CDE), you and your child are invited to participate in a focus group meeting in Sacramento on **Monday, June 9, 2014 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Purpose and Goals**

The purpose of this meeting is to gather information about you and your child’s experience with the Smarter Balanced computer-based field test that was first administered to students in grades three through eight, and eleven this spring. This meeting will be held at the Sacramento County Office of Education (see more information below). Dinner will be provided.

The goal of the meeting is to gather feedback from parents and students to assist the CDE in preparations for the Smarter Balanced operational test next year. Discussion topics will include:

1. An overview of the spring field testing that occurred and future testing will be provided; including the difference between computer-based and computer-adaptive testing
2. Students’ experience with the spring computer-based field test
3. Students’ experience with the practice tests
4. School and school district access to technology
5. Current and future communication to parents and guardians about the test

**Meeting Date and Location**

Monday, June 9, 2014

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Sacramento County Office of Education

10474 Mather Blvd.

Room A

Sacramento, CA 95826

**For More Information**

If you are interested in participating in this focus group meeting with your child, please RSVP to this invitation by contacting Dawn Speaks at (209) 468-5959 or [dspeaks@sjcoe.net](mailto:dspeaks@sjcoe.net) **no later than June 6, 2014**.