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Dear Rosemead School District Community,

As we approach the much-anticipated spring break, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you for a restful and rejuvenating break. This time of year serves as an opportunity for our students, educators, and families to recharge and reflect on the accomplishments of the past months.


The beginning of Spring also marks the beginning of an important period in our academic calendar – the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) state testing. Soon after our return from Spring break, students in grades three through eight will begin CAASPP testing. The CAASPP assessments play a crucial role in providing valuable insights into our students' academic progress and ensuring that our schools continue to meet the highest standards of excellence in education.

The CAASPP not only measures proficiency in key subjects such as English language arts, mathematics, and science, but it also helps identify areas where additional support may be needed to ensure every student receives a high-quality education tailored to their individual needs. These assessments are one of many methods we use to assess student academic progress and mastery of state standards. Other measures include classroom and grade level assessments, iReady scores, grades, and teacher observations. Furthermore, the data gathered from all assessments informs our district's strategic planning and decision-making processes, enabling us to continuously improve and innovate in our approach to teaching and learning.

In the coming weeks, you will receive more information from your child's teacher/s and school principal emphasizing the importance of student participation in the upcoming CAASPP testing. By participating fully and to the best of their abilities, our students contribute to the collective effort of assessing and enhancing the effectiveness of our educational programs. Additionally, we encourage parents and guardians to support their children in preparing for these assessments by ensuring they are well-rested, nourished, and equipped with the tools they need to succeed.

Once again, I wish you all a safe, enjoyable, and restful Spring break. Thank you for your continued support of our students and school district. We look forward to seeing all students when school resumes on Monday, April 8, 2024.

Respectfully,


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Superintendent of Schools

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