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Dear Grade Eleven Student:

2012 EARLY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

In a short time, you will be taking the California Standards Tests (CSTs) in several subjects. When you take the CSTs in English and Algebra II or Summative High School Math, there will be a brief set of optional multiple-choice questions that are part of the Early Assessment Program (EAP).

The EAP lets you know if you are ready for college-level coursework in English and mathematics at the end of your junior year of high school. If you have difficulty with one or both of the exams, this early signal gives you an opportunity to improve your skills during your senior year before you enter a California State University (CSU) or a participating California Community College (CCC). Whether you plan to attend a CSU or a community college, taking steps to prepare for college before you graduate is important to your future success. You will receive your EAP results on your Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program Student Report in late summer of 2012. A significant benefit of the EAP is that students who have demonstrated proficiency for college-level coursework on the basis of their EAP results are exempt from taking CSU and participating CCC placement tests in English and mathematics and move directly into college-level classes upon enrollment.

If you would like the CSU or participating CCC to receive your English and mathematics EAP results, please **fill in the “bubble” in the EAP Readiness for College English and Mathematics – EAP Augmentation sections on your STAR answer sheets to authorize the release of your results. We strongly encourage you to release your results.** If you choose not to release your results and later decide you would like the CSU or a community college to receive your English and mathematics EAP results, you will be asked to provide a copy of your EAP results to the CSU or participating CCC.

You can access Web-based English and math college prep interactive tutorials to assist you in improving your skills while still in high school. To learn more about the EAP tutorials, please visit the CSU Success Web site at <http://www.csusuccess.org>. You can also find information about the EAP, your results, and how to get ready for college on the EAP Web site at <http://www.collegeeap.org/> (Outside Source).

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If you have any questions regarding the EAP, please talk with your English and mathematics teachers, high school counselor or career center director, or you may send an e-mail to the CSU Student Academic Support Office at eapmail@calstate.edu.

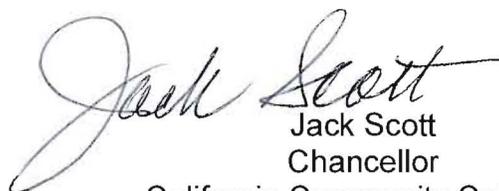
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