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Subject: Early Assessment Program

This memorandum reports on the status of the California State University (CSU) Early Assessment and Academic Preparation Program (EAAPP), an initiative being developed jointly over the past year and a half with the State Board of Education (SBE), the California Department of Education (CDE) and California's public high schools. The following goals are guiding the development of EAAPP:

- To provide all public high schools in California the means by which all CSU-eligible students can be assessed before starting their senior year as either placement-ready for CSU or as needing further preparation before the beginning of their senior year; and
- To ensure that all public high schools have the programs and services available to assist students who need further preparation to meet CSU's placement standards.

There is much support and enthusiasm for the goals of this program and its focus, comprehensiveness, scale and capacity for accountability. Moreover, the assessments to be used are all existing tests; all students must take the California Standards Tests (CST) (as part of California's STAR program), and the Golden State Examinations (GSE) have been taken for many years on a voluntary basis by more than 170,000 students annually.

A key point needs to be made about the relationship of the new EAAPP to CAPI-PAD, the latter being CSU's two and one-half year old program which has linked CSU faculty and school teachers in 180 high schools in an effort to align and understand each other's standards. CAPI-PAD also provided direct help to high school students in the form of tutoring and other assistance from CSU faculty and students.

The EAAPP provides the vehicle by which CSU's goals to ensure that all CSU-eligible students are college ready may be met more effectively, comprehensively, and with

clearer accountability. While both CAPI-PAD and the EAAPP share these goals, the new EAAPP approach will enable these goals to be met for all CSU-eligible students in all public high schools. Even with more generous state support, the scope of CAPI-PAD is limited by the number of CSU faculty and students available to interact with the public schools. However, the establishment of the junior year early assessments will allow CSU to identify and then focus its outreach assistance efforts on specifically those twelfth grade students who need further help to meet CSU placement standards. Such focus and targeting on CSU-eligible, but not fully prepared, students in their senior year allows CSU to use its outreach-related resources more effectively and comprehensively. In time, and employing a combination of new school-based (and school-funded) activities to be developed collaboratively with public school leadership, teacher professional development programs and the continuation of direct assistance provided by CSU faculty and students, we will be able to address the needs of this focused group of high schools students in all 900 public high schools in California. The greater focus enabled by the early assessment program allows us to scale our outreach efforts beyond the 180 high schools with which CSU has worked in the past.

Two other points should be made regarding the new EAAPP. First, no academic outreach CAPI-PAD funds were or will be spent on the Early Assessment Program. These are school-based and state-funded examinations. Other CSU resources were used to support faculty and staff time and the very modest operational costs needed to modify the CSTs and GSEs to meet CSU's requirements.

Second, the new EAAPP has been under development for well over a year, particularly the early assessment component. Moving to this new academic outreach approach preceded well in advance the Governor's proposed reductions to CSU's outreach budgets. The \$4 million remaining from CAPI-related activities will support the statewide professional development program to help high school teachers address the reading comprehension needs of high school students as well as various forms of direct assistance to seniors provided by CSU faculty and students. Additional funding which may be appropriated to CSU academic outreach will be directed to the kinds of direct assistance to high school students, albeit more focused, provided by the current CAPI-PAD program.

The remainder of this memorandum describes the status and the plan and schedule for completing both the assessment and assistance parts of the transition to the new EAAPP.

Early Assessment Program

The junior year early assessment program blends CSU placement standards in mathematics and language arts with the SBE's standards as found in the revised California Standards Test which all students are required to take, and the Golden State Examinations for High School Math and for 11th grade Language Arts which students

have the option of taking. This augmented 11th grade assessment is pivotal to a comprehensive, school-based, college preparation program because it will allow for the first time CSU, and more importantly, each public high school, to determine the college preparation status of individual students at a point in high school that permits sufficient time (over the entire senior year) to attain the additional preparation needed to enter CSU college-ready. For those students assessed as ready for college on the basis of the GSE/CST, CSU will certify these students as proficient in English and mathematics and will grant exemption from the English Placement Test (EPT) and Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) examination. Upon matriculation, these students will enroll in baccalaureate courses without the need to take remedial courses.

We are pleased to announce that approximately one hundred high schools have agreed to participate in the pilot CSU early assessment program. As part of this pilot project, we have worked with each high school to ensure its participation in the newly linked GSE/CST that will be offered this spring to eleventh grade students. We have just concluded the northern and southern planning meetings to discuss with representatives from these pilot high schools and CSU campuses the implementation of a junior year early assessment program and the development and provision of senior year experiences that will complete a student's academic preparation for CSU. A list of the pilot high schools is enclosed for your reference.

Eleventh grade students at the pilot high schools will have the opportunity to utilize the newly linked GSE/CST examinations to determine college-level proficiency in mathematics and English language arts. Students who apply and are accepted for admission to the CSU and meet the proficiency expectations established by CSU faculty will be exempt from taking the required EPT and/or ELM.

As part of the pilot administration of the Early Assessment, we will select a representative sample of high schools from among the hundred pilot high schools to take part in a psychometric evaluation study. Eleventh grade students at these schools will be asked to participate at no cost to them in a special early administration of the EPT/ELM examination to be offered in September 2003. The results of these examinations will be used to validate the preliminary proficiency cut scores on the linked GSE/CST.

The scores of students at the one hundred pilot high schools who demonstrate proficiency on the GSE/CST will be held for placement purposes for those students who apply and are accepted to the CSU. In addition, students at these pilot high schools who do not demonstrate proficiency on the GSE/CST or on the EPT/ELM will be provided the opportunity to participate in pilot senior year programs that will begin in January 2004 and to take the EPT/ELM at no cost after they have been admitted to CSU. After the validation study has been completed, all students in the one hundred pilot high schools who met CSU's proficiency requirements on the GSE/CST will be notified.

Senior Year Supplemental Preparation

The second part of EAAPP is the development and provision of both school-based and CSU-provided assistance to CSU-eligible high school seniors who have been assessed as not meeting CSU placement standards. The development of the school-based activities will be a collaborative process with the public schools. CSU's participation in these development efforts will be primarily to provide support and to help embed CSU standards as these senior year college preparation experiences are developed. The high schools in the 2003 pilot will be natural sites in which these senior year activities will be developed and modeled.

To assist us with the first step in the development of effective senior year activities, we are asking CSU campuses to consult with their partner high schools about intervention strategies that will be available to students in their senior year of high school who do not meet CSU entry-level proficiency expectations on the GSE/CST in mathematics and English language arts. We are asking each campus participating in the pilot Early Assessment Program to submit a summary of their discussions with their partner high schools by May 30, 2003.

In June, we will convene representatives from CSU's mathematics and English faculties, campus EAAPP coordinators, pilot high schools, and CDE to develop a menu of model senior year experiences collected from these consultations that campuses and high schools may want to implement in response to the unique needs of their students. CSU will fund the development costs of these joint school-CSU initiatives. CSU will also continue, to the extent funding will support, direct assistance by CSU faculty and students.

Please forward a summary of the discussions with your partner high schools by May 30, 2003 to Mr. Allison G. Jones, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Student Academic Support. Questions about this consultation process may be directed either to Mr. Allison G. Jones at 562-951-4744 or ajones@calstate.edu or to Mr. Leon Washington at 562-951-4726 or lwashington@calstate.edu.

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Attachment

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*California State University
Early Assessment Program
Pilot High Schools*

District Name	School Name	School Mailing Address	School City	School Zip	County Name	CSU Campus
Alhambra City High	Mark Keppel High	501 E. Hellman Ave.	Alhambra	91801-5716	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
Alvord Unified	La Sierra High	4145 La Sierra Ave.	Riverside	92505-2938	Riverside	San Bernardino
Anaheim Union High	Kennedy (John F.) High	8281 Walker St.	La Palma	90623-2123	Orange	Long Beach
Atascadero Unified	Atascadero High	1 High School Hill	Atascadero	93422-4189	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
Baldwin Park Unified	Sierra Vista High	3600 N. Frazier St.	Baldwin Park	91706-3897	Los Angeles	Pomona
Berkeley Unified	Berkeley High	2246 Milvia St.	Berkeley	94704-1429	Alameda	Hayward
Carlsbad Unified	Carlsbad High	3557 Monroe St.	Carlsbad	92008-2729	San Diego	San Marcos
Chaffey Joint Union High	Alta Loma High	8880 Baseline Road	Alta Loma	91701-5504	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
Chaffey Joint Union High	Rancho Cucamonga High	11801 Lark Dr.	Rancho Cucamonga	91701-8715	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
Chico Unified	Pleasant Valley High	1475 East Ave.	Chico	95926-1699	Butte	Chico
Coast Unified	Coast Union High	2950 Santa Rosa Creek R	Cambria	93428-3506	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
Colton Joint Unified	Colton High	777 W. Valley Blvd.	Colton	92324-2251	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
Cuyama Joint Unified	Cuyama Valley High	P.O. Box 271	New Cuyama	93254-0271	Santa Barbara	San Luis Obispo
East Side Union High	Mt. Pleasant High	1750 S. White Road	San Jose	95127-4760	Santa Clara	San Jose
Elk Grove Unified	Valley High	6300 Ehrhardt Ave.	Sacramento	95823-5637	Sacramento	Sacramento
Escondido Union High	Orange Glen High	2200 Glen Ridge Road	Escondido	92027-4115	San Diego	San Marcos
Fresno Unified	Fresno High	1839 Echo Ave.	Fresno	93704-6047	Fresno	Fresno
Fresno Unified	Herbert Hoover High	5550 N. First St.	Fresno	93710-6201	Fresno	Fresno
Fresno Unified	McLane High	2727 N. Cedar Ave.	Fresno	93703-2016	Fresno	Fresno
Fullerton Joint Union High	Buena Park High	8833 Academy Dr.	Buena Park	90621-3705	Orange	Fullerton
Garden Grove Unified	Los Amigos High	16566 Newhope St.	Fountain Valley	92708-2403	Orange	Fullerton
Garden Grove Unified	Santiago High	12342 Trask Ave.	Garden Grove	92843-2812	Orange	Fullerton
Gonzales Unified	Gonzales High	501 5th St.	Gonzales	93926-	Monterey	Monterey Bay
Grant Joint Union High	Grant Union High	1400 Grand Ave.	Sacramento	95838-3624	Sacramento	Sacramento
Hacienda la Puente Unified	La Puente High	15615 E. Nelson Ave.	La Puente	91744-3910	Los Angeles	Pomona
Jefferson Union High	Westmoor High	131 Westmoor Ave.	Daly City	94015-3843	San Mateo	San Francisco
Jurupa Unified	Jurupa Valley High	10551 Bellegrave Ave.	Mira Loma	91752-1800	Riverside	San Bernardino
Kern Union High	Arvin High	900 Varsity Ave.	Arvin	93203-2421	Kern	Bakersfield
Kern Union High	Centennial High	8601 Hageman	Bakersfield	93312-3957	Kern	Bakersfield
Kern Union High	Ridgeview High	8501 Stine Road	Bakersfield	93313-9782	Kern	Bakersfield
Kern Union High	South High	1101 Planz Road	Bakersfield	93304-6150	Kern	Bakersfield
Kern Union High	Stockdale High	2800 Buena Vista Road	Bakersfield	93311-9791	Kern	Bakersfield
Kern Union High	West High	1200 New Stine Road	Bakersfield	93309-3534	Kern	Bakersfield

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King City Joint Union High	King City High	720 Broadway	King City	93930-3311	Monterey	Monterey Bay
Lompoc Unified	Lompoc Senior High	515 W. College Ave.	Lompoc	93436-	Santa Barbara	San Luis Obispo
Long Beach Unified	Cabrillo (Juan Rodriguez) High	2001 Santa Fe Ave.	Long Beach	90810-	Los Angeles	Long Beach
Long Beach Unified	Jordan High	6500 Atlantic Ave.	Long Beach	90805-2304	Los Angeles	Long Beach
Long Beach Unified	Lakewood High	4400 Briercrest Ave.	Lakewood	90713-2512	Los Angeles	Long Beach
Long Beach Unified	Millikan Senior High	2800 Snowden Ave.	Long Beach	90815-1436	Los Angeles	Long Beach
Long Beach Unified	Polytechnic High	1600 Atlantic Ave.	Long Beach	90813-2017	Los Angeles	Long Beach
Long Beach Unified	Wilson High	4400 E. Tenth St.	Long Beach	90804-4310	Los Angeles	Long Beach
Los Alamitos Unified	Los Alamitos High	3591 Cerritos	Los Alamitos	90720-2414	Orange	Long Beach
Los Angeles Unified	Carson Senior High	22328 S. Main St.	Carson	90745-4525	Los Angeles	Dominguez Hills
Los Angeles Unified	San Pedro Senior High	1001 W. 15Th St.	San Pedro	90731-3925	Los Angeles	Dominguez Hills
Los Angeles Unified	Lincoln (Abraham) Senior High	3501 N. Broadway	Los Angeles	90031-2856	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
Los Angeles Unified	Manual Arts Senior High	4131 S. Vermont Ave.	Los Angeles	90037-1918	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
Los Angeles Unified	Taft (William Howard) Senior High	5461 Winnetka Ave.	Woodland Hills	91364-2548	Los Angeles	Northridge
Los Angeles Unified	Wilson (Woodrow) Senior High	4500 Multnomah St.	Los Angeles	90032-3703	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
Los Angeles Unified	Granada Hills Senior High	10535 Zelzah Ave.	Granada Hills	91344-5902	Los Angeles	Northridge
Los Angeles Unified	Monroe (James) High	9229 Haskell Ave.	North Hills	91343-3114	Los Angeles	Northridge
Lucia Mar Unified	Arroyo Grande High	495 Valley Road	Arroyo Grande	93420-3928	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
Modesto City High	Beyer (Fred C.) High	1717 Sylvan	Modesto	95355-1312	Stanislaus	Stanislaus
Modesto City High	Johansen (Peter) High	641 Norseman Dr.	Modesto	95357-0405	Stanislaus	Stanislaus
Modesto City High	Modesto High	First & H St.	Modesto	95351-	Stanislaus	Stanislaus
Modesto City High	Thomas Downey High	1000 Coffee Road	Modesto	95355-4204	Stanislaus	Stanislaus
Moreno Valley Unified	Canyon Springs High	23100 Cougar Canyon Dr.	Moreno Valley	92557-3800	Riverside	San Bernardino
Mt. Diablo Unified	Clayton Valley High	1101 Alberta Way	Concord	94521-3799	Contra Costa	Hayward
Napa Valley Unified	Napa High	2475 Jefferson St.	Napa	94558-4931	Napa	Sonoma
New Haven Unified	James Logan High	1800 H St.	Union City	94587-3321	Alameda	Hayward
Oakland Unified	Fremont Senior High	900 High St.	Oakland	94601-4405	Alameda	Hayward
Orange Unified	Orange High	525 N. Shaffer St.	Orange	92667-6824	Orange	Fullerton
Paso Robles Joint Unified	Paso Robles High	801 Niblick Road	Paso Robles	93447-7010	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified	Esperanza High	1830 N. Kellogg Dr.	Anaheim	92807-1298	Orange	Fullerton
Poway Unified	Rancho Bernardo High	13626 Twin Peaks	Poway	92064-3034	San Diego	San Marcos
Rialto Unified	Eisenhower Senior High	1321 N. Lilac Ave.	Rialto	92376-3201	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
Rialto Unified	Rialto High	595 S. Eucalyptus Ave.	Rialto	92376-7207	San Bernardino	San Bernardino

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Rowland Unified	Nogales High	401 S. Nogales St.	La Puente	91744-6144	Los Angeles	Pomona
Sacramento City Unified	Kennedy (John F.) High	6715 Gloria Dr.	Sacramento	95831-2008	Sacramento	Sacramento
Saddleback Valley Unified	Mission Viejo High	25025 Chrisanta Dr.	Mission Viejo	92691-5326	Orange	Fullerton
Salinas Union High	Alisal High	777 Williams Road	Salinas	93905-1907	Monterey	Monterey Bay
San Benito High	San Benito High	1220 Monterey St.	Hollister	95023-4708	San Benito	Monterey Bay
San Bernardino City Unified	San Bernardino High	1850 North E St.	San Bernardino	92405-	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
San Bernardino City Unified	San Geronio High	2299 E. Pacific Ave.	San Bernardino	92404-6172	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
San Francisco Unified	Abraham Lincoln High	2162 24th Ave.	San Francisco	94116-1723	San Francisco	San Francisco
San Francisco Unified	Balboa High	1000 Cayuga St.	San Francisco	94112-3236	San Francisco	San Francisco
San Francisco Unified	Burton (Phillip & Sala) Academic High	400 Mansell St.	San Francisco	94134-	San Francisco	San Francisco
San Francisco Unified	George Washington High	600 32nd Ave.	San Francisco	94121-2733	San Francisco	San Francisco
San Lorenzo Unified	Arroyo High	15701 Lorenzo Ave.	San Lorenzo	94580-1407	Alameda	Hayward
San Luis Coastal Unified	Morro Bay High	235 Atascadero Road	Morro Bay	93442-1516	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
San Luis Coastal Unified	San Luis Obispo High	1350 California Blvd.	San Luis Obispo	93401-2952	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
San Marcos Unified	San Marcos High	1615 San Marcos Blvd.	San Marcos	92069-4020	San Diego	San Marcos
Santa Maria Joint Union High	Righetti (Ernest) High	941 E. Foster Road	Santa Maria	93455-3318	Santa Barbara	San Luis Obispo
Santa Maria Joint Union High	Santa Maria High	901 S. Broadway	Santa Maria	93454-6603	Santa Barbara	San Luis Obispo
Soledad Unified	Soledad High	425 Gabilan Dr.	Soledad	93960-	Monterey	Monterey Bay
Sweetwater Union High	Bonita Vista Senior High	751 Olay Lakes Road	Chula Vista	91913-2004	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Castle Park Senior High	1395 Hilltop Dr.	Chula Vista	91911-4529	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Chula Vista Senior High	820 Fourth Ave.	Chula Vista	91911-1102	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Eastlake High	1120 Eastlake Parkway	Chula Vista	91915-2102	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Hilltop Senior High	555 Claire Ave.	Chula Vista	91910-6105	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Mar Vista Senior High	505 Elm Ave.	Imperial Beach	91932-2027	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Montgomery Senior High	3250 Palm Ave.	San Diego	92154-1507	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Southwest Senior High	1685 Hollister St.	San Diego	92154-4548	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Sweetwater High	2900 Highland Ave.	National City	91950-7415	San Diego	San Diego
Temecula Valley Unified	Temecula Valley High	31555 Rancho Vista Road	Temecula	92592-3516	Riverside	San Marcos
Templeton Unified	Templeton High	1200 Main St.	Templeton	93465-9421	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
Turlock Joint Union High	Turlock High	1600 E. Canal Dr.	Turlock	95380-4221	Stanislaus	Stanislaus
Vista Unified	Vista High	400 E. Bobler Dr.	Vista	92084-3101	San Diego	San Marcos
Vista Unified	Rancho Buena Vista High	1601 Live Oak Road	Vista	92083-5424	San Diego	San Marcos
Wasco Union High	Wasco High	Box 250	Wasco	93280-0250	Kern	Bakersfield
Yucaipa-Calimesa Jt. Unified	Yucaipa High	33000 Yucaipa Blvd.	Yucaipa	92399-1951	San Bernardino	San Bernardino