



March 10, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is in regards to the Smarter Balanced Assessments, Extended Assessment (the alternative state assessment), and the ELPA21 (English Language Proficiency Assessment).

Smarter Balanced and Extended assessments will be given between April 13– June 11, 2021. ELPA21 will be administered February 9 - April 30, 2021. The assessments will be administered **in-person**. If your child is participating in school virtually only, you will want to talk with their teacher about arranging for in-person testing unless you request to have your child not participate in state testing this year by submitting the Opt Out Form and letter (see below).

Should you wish to opt your child out of **English/Language Arts and/or Mathematics for the Smarter Balanced or the Extended Assessments**, please return the 2020-21 Opt Out Form to your child's teacher.

In addition, if you wish to opt your child out of the **Smarter Balanced Science and/or Social Studies, Extended Assessment Science, or the ELPA21**, please **submit a letter** to your child's teacher stating you wish to exempt your child from that specific test based on either disability or religion. There is no opt out form for this purpose.

If you have general questions or want more information about the Smarter Balanced Assessments, Extended Assessments, or the ELPA21, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher(s) with any questions you may have. I am also available to answer any questions you may have at [susan\\_peck@soesd.k12.or.us](mailto:susan_peck@soesd.k12.or.us) or at 541-776-8590 x3110.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Peck".

Susan Peck  
Director, Special Education Services