Dear CPHS Parent or Guardian,

The opportunity for your son or daughter to participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, state academic testing program will occur during the weeks of May 15th -19th and May 22nd -26th. College Park has been consistently recognized for its excellence and continues to receive outstanding local, state, rankings based upon our students’ performance on these state assessments, along with other measures. As the state, colleges, universities, and media continue to refine their processes to identify and recognize exemplary schools, these assessments will continue to provide the opportunity for maintaining the exemplary local and state reputation we enjoy today.

The assessments that comprise the 2016-17 CAASPP administration for CPHS students, include:

A. Computer-Based tests in English-Language Arts and Mathematics in 11th grade.

B. Additionally, California is developing the California Science Test (CAST). This year, this new assessment will be given to our 10th grade students as a pilot only, no scores will be provided. More information on the CAST can be found at: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppscience.asp

It’s important to remember that statewide tests cannot take the place of hands-on learning that is taking place in our school. Experiments, in-class assignments, and tests designed by your student’s teachers all play a part in gauging what students know.

Statewide tests like the SBAC and CAST are valuable because they represent a common yardstick—a way to measure the progress of all students at the same time in the same way.

As the parent or guardian, you have the option of excusing your child from any part of the CAASPP. If you would like to excuse your child from the test, you must submit your request in writing to the school administrator. [Education Code 60615.] We will honor your request. Please let the Mr. Sauceda know as soon as possible. You can email Mr. Sauceda, VP: saucedad@mdusd.org

Sincerely,

Joseph Alvarez,
Principal