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**An Update to County Superintendents of Schools**

Thursday, September 10, 2015

**Using CAASPP to Improve Teaching and Learning**

In 2013, when CCSESA supported the legislation implementing the new student assessment program, a key reason for our support was the commitment to making interim and formative assessment resources more readily available for the purposes of improving teaching and learning.

It is encouraging that CDE has asked the Sacramento and Ventura County Offices of Education to design and implement a series of institutes on this important topic.  Two recent letters are attached, announcing the opportunity to register for institutes—one series is for county offices only, and the other is for teams from schools and school districts. Although the sessions begin in October and November, the deadline to register is September 18, so we urge you to review the letters both in terms of participation by your staff and participation by your school districts.

Our view is that this is the critical next step in making the assessment system meaningful—helping local educators learn practical strategies to use the CAASPP system to improve instruction, with a focus on interim assessments and the Digital Library of formative assessment resources.

[Letter Announcing the CAASPP Institutes for Schools and School Districts](http://ccsesa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Ltr-Announcing-the-CAASPP-Institutes-for-Schools-and-Districts.doc)

[Letter Announcing the CAASPP Institutes for COEs](http://ccsesa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Ltr-Announcing-the-Train-the-Trainer-CAASPP-Institutes-for-COEs.doc)

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