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To Parents/Guardians of Golden West Middle School Seventh and Eight Grade Students:

Si desea este folleto de información en español, por favor llame el 707-437-8147.

This is information that is distributed to all high school students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 regarding the California High School Exit Exam. It is important that parents of 7th and 8th grade students are also made aware of the process and requirements of this program. Please understand that a foundation of knowledge and understanding of the two areas of the exam, English language arts and math, are deeply imbedded within the curriculum at the middle school level.

California High School Exit Exam

The class of 2006 included the first students in California required to pass the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) to receive a high school diploma. This graduation requirement is mandated by state law (Education Code Section 60851).

Algebra I Requirement

Prior to receiving a diploma of graduation from high school, all students must also meet or exceed the rigor of the content standards for Algebra I, as adopted by the State Board of Education.

What the California High School Exit Exam Covers

The CAHSEE exam is divided into two parts: (1) English-language arts (reading and writing) and (2) mathematics. The questions are aligned to content standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Content standards describe what students should know and be able to do at each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12.

Graduation Requirements

Beginning in 2006, in order to receive their high school diploma, students must pass both parts of the CAHSEE by earning a score of 350 or high on each part. Students also must meet the district's requirements for graduation.

Student Testing

The CAHSEE will be given at the high school site to high school students during regular school hours on the designated dates. Students will:

- Receive the results of the exam within eight weeks after testing is completed;
- Have as many as six opportunities in high school to retake the exam or either part not passed;
- Receive additional instruction, if needed, to help ensure success.

For More Information. . .

If you have any questions about the CAHSEE:

- Contact our high school office during regular hours on weekdays (707) 437-7333
- Check the California Department of Education web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/> (Internet)

For updates on any Travis Unified programs, please see our website at: www.travisusd.k12.ca.us

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