



April 23, 2021

Dear Families of Feather River Charter School,

We would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued participation in the Star Assessment benchmark testing this year. Even in the face of challenging circumstances, our school continues to come through with fantastic participation and continued academic growth.

We as a school, have been positioned well in comparison to the brick and mortar schools during this time of pandemic and distance learning. We are continuing to see academic growth, and our data shows that our students have not suffered additional learning loss. Our students are continuing to flourish, and this is something to celebrate!

And there is more good news!

Because of Covid, California has been granted permission by the U.S. Department of Education to use local assessments in place of the CAASPP test that is normally administered in the Spring. We are thrilled that we are able to utilize this option, which is already familiar to our students and families.

However we aren't quite done yet, and we need you to help us finish strong!

California State **still** requires 95% of testing age students to participate in this assessment. **This is the only data accepted by the state that we will have available to measure student growth for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Additionally, this assessment will also provide us with real-time, actionable data that will help our school plan and thoughtfully build out programs targeted at student growth and achievement -- something our authorizers look very closely at when considering charter renewals.

We cannot stress enough the importance of students in all grades making every effort to participate in the Star Assessment during this Spring testing window, or Feather River Charter School could face severe penalties on the California Dashboard - the states' measurement of school accountability. This in turn, could impact our ability to renew our charter and continue operations.

As always, we appreciate your collaborative effort to best support your child and our school as we move into the home stretch of this unprecedented school year.

Sincerely,

The Board of Feather River Charter School