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Dr. Karen Villalobos, Superintendent/Principal

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Dear sophomore parents/guardians,

We want to make you aware that on **April 12th**, our sophomores will take the state standardized test in ***Life Science***. Regardless of the science class your student is enrolled in, all sophomores must take the Life Science test. Student scores reflect their levels of competency in this subject area by being rated as advanced, proficient, basic, below basic, and far below basic. Our goal at East Nicolaus High School is to move all students into the proficient or advanced levels per No Child Left Behind's requirement.

In an effort to continually improve our test scores, we are asking staff and parents to address the importance of standardized testing. Our staff will be working with our sophomore students to discuss test taking strategies. We need our parents to encourage their children to do their best on the test. We need every student to give his/her best on every section of the test. Please help your child prepare for the test by making sure that they get a good night's rest, have a good breakfast, and attend school on the day of testing. If you would like to review the released Life Science questions with your student, you can access them at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/cstrtqscience10.pdf>.

East Nicolaus has a reputation for excellence, and we have high expectations of our staff and students. Please talk to your child about the importance of working hard on the test. Your efforts at home combined with ours at school will show our children that we have high expectations for them and that we believe in their abilities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Aman Kandola
Assistant Principal