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Old Test, New Test: Lamorinda Schools Land on Top

By Sophie Braccini





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Then real estate values and desirability are driven by local schools' performances, state test results and the schools' Academic Performance Index (API) can have a monetary impact on a community. So, when the state changed the rules of the testing game, people took notice.

Fortunately the September results from the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress system were positive, with Lamorinda schools' test scores among the highest in Contra Costa County and the state. CAASPP was signed into law in October 2013 through Assembly Bill 484 to replace the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program.

The new CAASPP measures how students have assimilated the new Common Core standards that the school districts have been implementing for the past three years. "This was the first administration of the new test and it will be our baseline," said Carolyn Parker, Ph.D., the Moraga School District's director of curriculum and instruction. "Our students did an excellent job and we are very proud of them."

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