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To: All 12th Grade Students who have not passed the CAHSEE

Dear Connecting Waters Parent(s)/Student,

Our records indicate that your student has not yet passed both sections of the California High School Exit Exam(CAHSEE). This means the requirements set forth by the State of California in order to receive a high school diploma have not been met. There will be four opportunities to attempt the CAHSEE this school year for 12th grade students. Students who desire to participate in the graduation ceremony must take two out of the first three sessions of the CAHSEE (and pass the test) during their senior year (unless exam has been passed). March test results will be received by graduation.

Oct. 2, 2007 ELA(English language arts)	March 11, 2008 ELA(English language arts)
Oct. 3, 2007 Math	March 12, 2008 Math
Feb 5, 2008 ELA(English language arts)	May 6, 2008 ELA(English language arts)
Feb 6, 2008 Math	May 7, 2008 Math

You will receive a letter in the mail with the specific location and time of each test offered. Please be sure to ask your ES if you do not receive information. Students must attend the following scheduled appointments: learning record meetings, CAHSEE Prep tutoring sessions and CAHSEE classes, Special Education meetings and related tutorials, and exam/testing sessions. Any of these missed appointments will be considered a truancy.

Following is information on the differences between graduating with a High School Diploma versus receiving a Certificate of Completion, or a School Certificate: Graduation vs Completion:

In order for students to receive a diploma, they must meet all of our graduation requirements, and that includes the passing of the CAHSEE. This applies to both Regular and Special Ed students.

Special Ed students who have completed the requirements as specified in their IEP, but have not met all of the school's graduation requirements (CAHSEE included), may receive a Certificate of Completion. (Consult with Special Ed).

Non-Special Ed Students who meet all of the graduation requirements, but do not pass the CAHSEE, will receive a School Certificate. They will not receive a Certificate of Completion nor will the receive a Diploma.

The Certificates simply state that the student has completed the basic graduation requirements of the school. We do not know if this will be accepted by future employers.

Contact your Education Specialist for educational options to aid you in passing the CAHSEE.

-Seniors who have not yet passed the CAHSEE must be enrolled in at least one CAHSEE Intensive Plan option and will be given priority enrollment.

-All 12th graders who have not passed a portion of the CAHSEE must participate in a CAHSEE Personalized Learning Improvement Plan(PLIP). The Student will participate in the school plan and continue to attempt to pass the CAHSEE, taking at least 10 credits in each subject area still needed to pass through a HQT tutor, an online vendor, or a school CAHSEE prep course.

- Students who desire to participate in the graduation ceremony must take two out of the first three sessions of the CAHSEE (and pass the test) during their senior year (unless exam has been passed). March test results will be received by graduation.

Debbie Kutz, mathematics specialist, can be contacted at dkutz@connectingwaters.org or 1-800-808-9895 ext. 4 then 3,
Terry Souza, English Language Arts Specialist, can be contacted at tsouza@connectingwaters.org or 1-800-808-9895 ext. 4 then 4, and Mary Halter, School counselor, can be contacted at mhalter@connectingwaters.org or 1-800-808-9895 ext 4 then 2.

Graduation/Completion Packets will still need to be completed in all of the above situations.

If you have any questions regarding the California High School Exit Exam, please contact Leita Barlow at lbarlow@connectingwaters.org or 800-979-4436.

By signing below I am acknowledging that I have received and understand the information contained in this letter. *Please give this signed letter to your ES and discuss your options*.

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Parent signature Print Parent Name Date

_____ Student signature

Print Student Name Date