The California Department of Education (CDE) appointed four Senior Assessment Fellows to help enhance the collaboration, relationships, and communication between the CDE and local educational agencies (LEAs) to ensure the successful implementation of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) with a focus on the Smarter Balanced assessment system.

The Senior Assessment Fellows support several priorities related to the implementation of the Smarter Balanced assessment system:

- Collaboration with the CDE and its contractors on identifying issues and promptly developing strategies, resources, and solutions.
- Developing and delivering a variety of presentations statewide.
- Expanding outreach efforts to include a full range of stakeholders and assessment resources.
- Sharing best practices for implementation of the Smarter Balanced assessment system.
- Gathering and analyzing data regarding the effectiveness of the communications and outreach efforts.

The Fellows look forward to continuing to support LEAs with implementation of the CAASPP system. To request a presentation, please contact the Assessment Programs Support and Outreach Office at (916) 445-8517 or caaspp@cde.ca.gov.

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