Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is our vision that every SFUSD student will graduate from high school, ready for college and careers and equipped with the skills, capacities and dispositions necessary for 21st century-success.

In order to meet this goal, SFUSD has created Common Learning Assessments (CLAs). The CLAs are tests designed by educators to understand student learning. They are based on the California State Standards which outline grade-level expectations. Teachers use the results of the CLA to get information about what students know and can do. This helps teachers prepare students to do well on future academic tasks and for success on state tests like the CST.

Here is some information about the Common Learning Assessments (CLAs):

- Students are assessed across the district.
- In elementary and middle school the CLA is given three times a year; in high school it is given two times a year.
- CLAs are given in grades 2-10 in Math, English and Spanish Language Arts.
- CLAs include multiple-choice questions and performance tasks which ask students to show their thinking.
- Each CLA takes approximately 45-60 minutes to complete.

Our district and schools are committed to providing you with regular updates on your child’s progress so that we can work together to ensure your child receives an excellent education. The CLA Student Report, which is available to parents, gives details on your child’s performance on the CLA. We encourage you to speak to your child’s teachers to learn more about the CLA and ways that you can work together to support your child’s learning.

If you have any questions about the Common Learning Assessments (CLAs) please speak with your child’s principal or counselor.

Sincerely,

Richard Carranza
Superintendent