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Dear Digital Library Users,

A new and exciting resource for teachers—**Tools for Teachers**, an advanced suite of formative assessment resources—is coming your way soon! To prepare for the launch of Tools for Teachers, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium will decommission the Digital Library next month, on May 28.

Tools for Teachers, an easy-to-use web application featuring lessons and activities that incorporate formative assessment strategies, was created with the assistance of hundreds of educators, including California teachers. This resource will help educators reflect on their students' knowledge and take action on next steps to meet learning goals. Some of the exciting features of this new website will include:

- Responsive, accessible instructional resources aligned with learning standards
- Interactive Connections Playlists that link interim assessments (learning checks) to differentiated instructional resources
- Formative assessment strategies embedded in every instructional resource
- Embedded accessibility strategies for use in the classroom

Starting on June 16, 2020, you will be able to preview the new Tools for Teachers, which will help you to become familiar with its use. The preview website will feature many of the 750 instructional and professional development resources that will be available at the official grand opening of the Tools for Teachers, which is scheduled for this September.

As the transition to Tools for Teachers takes place, some of the existing Digital Library resources will be removed, and **Digital Library users will no longer have access to the resources designated as “Favorites.”** We recommend that you use the download feature in the Digital Library to save resources locally if you anticipate wanting to use them at a later time.

In the coming weeks, the California Department of Education will send more information about the new Tools for Teachers website. In the meantime, please visit the **Tools for Teachers information page** at

<https://www.smarterbalanced.org/tools-for-teachers/> to learn more about this exciting new resource!

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