From: <u>CAI Texas Testing Communication</u>

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To the Education Service Center and District Staff Members Addressed:

This communication is to inform you of the following upcoming activities for the 2023–2024 Texas Assessment Program.

SPRING 2024 STAAR ADMINISTRATION

STAAR reading language arts (RLA)
 As a reminder, testing for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®)
 RLA must be completed by this Friday, April 19, 2024. District testing personnel must ensure
 all eligible students are accounted for with a STAAR RLA test record by 11:59 p.m. (CT) April
 19 by following the information below.

- Online assessments that were started will automatically default to a score code of "S" for Score.
- Student responses for paper administrations must be submitted and processed in the Data Entry Interface (DEI).
- Updates to score codes must be made in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) using the *Appeals/Score Codes* module.
- STAAR science and social studies
 The testing window for the spring 2024 administration of STAAR science and social studies opens Tuesday, April 16, and closes Friday, April 26, 2024. District personnel may order any additional STAAR science and social studies paper test materials needed through April 22.
- Enter Student Information for Accountability Reporting
 For the spring STAAR administration, all student information, including student
 demographics and program enrollment must be entered and verified in TIDE by 11:59 p.m.
 (CT) May 3, 2024. If district personnel make changes to the information after this date,
 those changes will not be included in assessment reports for accountability. Refer to the
 <u>Complete Administrations</u> section in the *District and Campus Coordinator Resources* for
 more detailed information.
- Holy Days and Religious Observance

House Bill (HB) 1883, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, added Section 39.0238 to the Texas Education Code (TEC), allowing district personnel to consider the dates of religious holy days or periods of observance likely to be observed by students in the district when establishing the school calendar and the days on which students will be administered state assessments. Religious holy days and periods of observance are defined as days observed by a religion whose places of worship would be exempt from property taxation under Texas Tax Code Section 11.20. The law requires district testing personnel to provide an alternate test date within the testing window to administer an assessment to a student who is absent from school to observe a holy day or period of observance on the day a STAAR assessment is administered.

JUNE 2024 STAAR ADMINISTRATION

District testing personnel must register out-of-school (OOS) and out-of-district (OOD) test sites for the June 2024 STAAR administration between **April 22** and **May 3, 2024**. Registration for OOS and OOD examinees must be completed between **May 13** and **May 24**. The STAAR OOS and OOD Test Site and Examinee Registration forms will be available on the Texas Assessment website under Other Testing Resources.

For questions or assistance regarding the information in this communication, contact Texas Testing

Support at 833-601-8821, $\underline{\text{TexasTestingSupport@cambiumassessment.com}}, \text{ or } \underline{\text{TexasAssessment.gov}} \\ \underline{\text{via live chat}}.$