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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 2022–2023 Texas Assessment Program.

DECEMBER 2022 STAAR ADMINISTRATION REMINDERS

District testing personnel must ensure all student information for the December administration of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) is entered in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) by **December 16, 2022**, to be incorporated into accountability reports. District personnel must ensure all student responses for paper administrations of STAAR are entered into the Data Entry Interface (DEI) by this date. Additionally, districts who choose to opt out of receiving confidential student labels must do so by this date. Finally, districts must ship all paper test materials to Pearson for reconciliation by **December 23, 2022**.

SPRING 2023 STAAR ALTERNATE 2 ADMINISTRATION

As a reminder, any student who needs to take STAAR Alternate 2 must have the following fields set to “Yes” in TIDE by **January 6, 2023**.

- *Special Ed Indicator Code*
- *Alternate Student Flag: STAAR Alternate 2*

In addition, the *STAAR Alternate 2 EOC Eligibility* fields and the *STAAR Alternate 2 Paper Format* field (for large print) must be adjusted, as applicable.

A new training video, How to Verify that Students are Registered for STAAR Alternate 2, will be posted to the [District and Campus Coordinator Resources](#) later this week.

NEW FAMILY PORTAL

Cambium Assessment, Inc. (CAI) will begin hosting the Family Portal for the Texas Assessment Program on January 2, 2023. The look of the Family Portal will change slightly, but the functionality of the portal will remain the same. Because the Family Portal will be integrated with other CAI systems, certain user roles within TIDE will have the ability to look up student access codes for the portal.

Like the previous vendor, CAI offers the ability to integrate single sign-on (SSO) with a district’s local Student Information System (SIS). Parents will be able to access their students’ results for the Texas Assessment Program directly, bypassing the Family Portal login screen. To enable SSO integration with the Family Portal, refer to the new Family Portal card on the [Testing Personnel](#) page of the Texas Assessment website later this week.

NEW LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

A new Learning Management System (LMS) for the Texas Assessment Program is scheduled to launch in January 2023. Highlights of the new LMS are listed below.

- A personalized learner homepage provides users with all their information in one place.
- A new manager homepage provides an intuitive interface that allows users to quickly find what they are looking for.
- Reporting pages provide consolidated views of progress and easy-to-read detailed reports.

Trainings started in the current LMS but not yet complete will not transfer or migrate to the new

system. Users should finish partially complete trainings in the current LMS or restart the training in the new system in January.

For questions or assistance regarding the information in this communication, contact Texas Testing Support at 833-601-8821, TexasTestingSupport@cambiumassessment.com, or [TexasAssessment.gov](https://www.texasassessment.gov) [via live chat](#).