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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.

SPRING 2023 STAAR ALTERNATE 2 ADMINISTRATION

As a reminder, any student who needs to take the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) Alternate 2 must have the following fields set to “Yes” in the Test Information Distribution Engine (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.

STAAR INTERIM ASSESSMENTS UPDATE

Scoring rubrics are now available in the Central Reporting System (CRS) for all Window 1 and 2 STAAR Interim items. Window 3 is scheduled for January 10 through April 14, 2023, for mathematics and reading language arts assessments. Window 2 for science and social studies assessments will remain open through April 14, 2023. Testing personnel can now create test sessions for Window 3 interim assessments. For more information on how to create test sessions, refer to the Test Delivery System (TDS) User Guide.

NEW FAMILY PORTAL

As a reminder, Cambium Assessment, Inc. (CAI) will begin hosting the [Family Portal](#) for the Texas Assessment Program beginning on January 2, 2023. The Family Portal is a tool for families to access their child’s test results for STAAR, STAAR Alternate 2, TELPAS, and TELPAS Alternate. Confidential student access codes will not be changing with the new portal.

Districts may provide parents with access to the Family Portal via their district Student Information System (SIS). If your district uses a SIS, refer to the new Family Portal card on the [Testing Personnel](#) page of the Texas Assessment website to enable SSO integration with the Family Portal. If your district uses a SIS vendor, contact the SIS vendor to ensure that the link has been updated and is properly routed to the new Family Portal.

TIDE users can view confidential student access codes for the Family Portal from the *View/Edit/Export Students* page. Additionally, TIDE users with specific permissions may generate a report for their campus or district through the *Generate Access Code List* option in the *Family Portal Access* panel under the *After Testing* section in TIDE. Results for the December 2022 STAAR administration are scheduled to be available in the new Family Portal on January 24.

NEW LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

As a reminder, a new Learning Management System (LMS) for the Texas Assessment Program is scheduled to launch on Monday, January 2, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. (CT). The new LMS is accessed using a single sign-on authentication through Texas Information Distribution Engine (TIDE). When you log in to the LMS on January 2, you will be automatically directed to the new site. 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.

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