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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.

TIDE UPDATE

On **January 20, 2023**, the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) will be updated to include additional information. In the *Paper Test Format* field for STAAR mathematics, reading language arts, and science, districts will see options for *Spanish Regular Print Embedded Supports* and *Spanish Large Print Embedded Supports*.

STAAR REDESIGN PRACTICE TESTS

On **January 18, 2023**, additional practice tests for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) redesign will be available on the [Practice Test Site](#) that include American Sign Language (ASL) videos. These practice tests demonstrate how new item types will appear for students who use ASL.

SPRING 2023 STAAR ADMINISTRATION

A second shipment of *STAAR Test Administrator Manuals* is scheduled to arrive in districts **February 21–February 24, 2023**. Districts must ensure all eligible students are entered in TIDE by the date indicated below to receive the appropriate number of manuals. As a reminder, for STAAR end-of-course (EOC) assessments, the two tasks below must be completed.

- First-time testers must be registered in TIDE and have their *Spring EOC Eligibility* fields set to “Yes” by **January 18**.
- The retester file has been generated for all currently active students added prior to January 13. Both retester and eligibility flags were set for these students. A second pass will be completed **January 19** to capture active students added between January 13 and January 18.

2023 STAAR ALTERNATE 2 ADMINISTRATION

Test booklet form assignments for STAAR Alternate 2 will be available for review in TIDE beginning **January 24, 2023**. To view form assignments for your district, eligible students must have been registered in TIDE by January 6. Districts will receive their initial shipment of STAAR Alternate 2 secure paper test materials **February 27–March 3**.

STAAR INTERIM ASSESSMENT

As a reminder, STAAR Interim Assessments are secure tests as indicated in the [Security](#) section of the *District and Campus Coordinator Resources*. Based on educator feedback, the *STAAR Interim Assessments Educator Guide* and the [STAAR Interim Assessments](#) webpage were updated to emphasize that these test items are secure. Educators are able to view test items in the Centralized Reporting System (CRS); however, items in CRS are secure until they are publicly released. Therefore, secure test items in CRS should **NOT** be download or printed.

TTAP OPPORTUNITY 2

Opportunity 2 for the Texas Through-year Assessment Pilot (TTAP) is scheduled for **January 30–February 3, 2023**, for participating districts and campuses. Testing personnel can now create test sessions for this testing window. For more information on how to create test sessions, refer to the

[Test Delivery System \(TDS\) User Guide.](#)

REPORTING FILES NAMING CONVENTIONS

Based on feedback from educators, a document detailing the naming conventions districts can expect when receiving various reporting files will be posted on the [Technology Resources](#) page of the Texas Assessment website later this week. This document is intended to assist districts in appropriately identifying the correct reporting files for each administration.

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](#).