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 EOC Assessments

As a reminder, on **January 24** Cambium Assessment, Inc. (CAI) will set the *Retester* flag and the *Spring EOC Eligibility* fields to "Yes" in the Texas Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) for retesters. CAI will also set the *EOC Previously Passed* flags for all students who passed any EOC assessment during the December 2023 administration.

- Deadline to Indicate a Special Paper Administration

 The deadline for district testing personnel to indicate student eligibility for a special paper administration of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) in TIDE is

 February 1, 2024. District personnel must ensure students are appropriately registered by this date to receive sufficient paper materials in the initial order shipment. Initial order shipments will arrive in districts between March 25 and March 29. Districts may place additional orders for special paper administrations beginning on April 1 for students whose eligibility for paper testing is updated after February 1.
- Out-of-School and Out-of-District Registration
 District testing personnel must register out-of-school (OOS) and out-of-district (OOD)
 examinees for the Spring 2024 STAAR administration between January 29 and February 9,
 2024. The STAAR OOS and OOD Examinee Registration form will be available on the Other
 Testing Resources page of the Texas Assessment website.

FEBRUARY 2024 STAND-ALONE FIELD TEST

- Testing personnel may now create test sessions for the February 2024 Stand-Alone Field Test
 in the Test Administrator Interface of TDS. Refer to the <u>TDS User Guide</u> and the <u>How to Create</u>
 <u>Test Sessions</u> training video in the <u>District and Campus Coordinator Resources</u> for more
 information on how to create test sessions.
- As a reminder, due to a recent change in Google's operating system, Spanish voice packs for Chrome OS version 119 must be manually installed for students who use Chromebooks for testing and who need Spanish TTS during the field test. Refer to the communication sent on January 17, which is available on the <u>Cambium Correspondence with Districts</u> webpage.
- The *Test Administration Information* for the stand-alone field test is available on the <u>Test Administration Resources</u> page of the Texas Education Agency's website.

For questions or assistance regarding the information in this communication, contact Texas Testing Support at 833-601-8821, TexasAssessment.gov via live chat.