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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” by **January 6, 2023**.

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

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

SYSTEM UPDATES

- **Update to TIDE Rosters**
The roster export functionality within the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) has been updated to include a field for teacher email addresses under column *E*. This updated field may be used to verify correct associations between students and users, as rosters are used to provide teacher-level users with access to students’ scores in the Centralized Reporting System (CRS).
- **New Feature for Auto Text-to-speech**
As requested by educators, a new feature will be available soon for students who use the auto text-to-speech (TTS) online accommodation. To allow students time to adjust to the new information on each screen, a countdown timer will be displayed to indicate that TTS will begin five seconds after the student navigates to a new passage or item.

UPDATES TO THE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS COORDINATOR RESOURCES

The training video How to Set Score Codes has been posted to the [District and Campus Coordinator Resources](#). This video reviews score code options for each assessment in the Texas Assessment Program and how to set score codes manually, view set score code requests, and use the bulk upload feature. Refer to the [Updates to Coordinator Resources](#) section for additional updates since this resource was posted in August.

TRAINING UPDATES

The Test Accommodation Training for Test Administrators is now available in the [Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#). This training reviews what testing accommodations are, the types of accommodations for state testing, some common accommodation errors, and how to avoid accommodation errors during testing.

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