TO THE ESC AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR ADDRESSED:

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Subject: New Assessment Management Website Starting in 2010–2011 School Year

This e-mail provides districts with information about a new assessment management website that will replace several different websites used for various aspects of student assessment programs. The new system, called Texas Assessment Management System, will replace Pearson services previously provided by the eMeasurement (online testing), SchoolHouse (Online Data Management), and SchoolSuccess (TAKS–Alt) websites.

The move to the new assessment management system will help ease demands on districts by offering several improvements. These improvements include the following.

- Management of both online and paper testing administrative tasks will be incorporated into one interface.
- A single login will grant an authorized user access to the various assessment management tools.
- Multiple new testing roles, such as campus testing coordinators and online session administrators, will be supported in the new system.
- The process for uploading precode files will be easier and more efficient.
- Functionality to set up testing sessions, place students in test sessions, and maintain class rosters for online testing will be improved.
- Online reporting capability will be improved and expanded.

The Texas Education Code, §32.258, requires the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to establish and maintain a student assessment data portal for use by school districts, teachers, parents, students, and public institutions of higher learning. The system characteristics outlined above will fulfill the requirements of this statute. Additional changes are planned for the Texas Assessment Management System to allow for the use of assessment data by teachers, parents, students, and public institutions of higher education. Enhancements to the system will be rolled out during the 2010–2011 school year.

A new Texas Assessment Management System user's guide is under development to document features of the new system. In addition, multiple training opportunities will be offered to districts, including online WebEx sessions that will start in September.

TEA and Pearson are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible. A schedule of training sessions, as well as additional details on the transition to the Texas Assessment Management System, will be sent out to districts in August, prior to the start of the next school year. Additional information will be sent to districts in advance of the October TAKS exit level retest administration, the first administration for which the Texas Assessment Management System will be operational.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact Pearson's Austin Operations Center at 800-252-9186.

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