February 13, 2015

Subject: Development of the 2015–2016 Testing Calendar

TO THE EDUCATOR ADDRESSED:

Please DO NOT reply to this email.

The purpose of this email is to notify education service centers and school districts about the posting of a second draft version of the 2015–2016 Student Assessment testing calendar. This draft of the calendar includes changes made as a result of recent comments from school districts and various stakeholder groups. The new draft version is available for public review and is posted to the Texas Education Agency's (TEA's) website at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/calendars/.

Comments and suggestions about the draft of the calendar should be sent to Test.Calendar@tea.state.tx.us by February 27, 2015. After comments are analyzed, the final calendar will be posted in early March 2015.

The following additional changes to the 2015–2016 Student Assessment testing calendar are being proposed.

- The April administrations of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) mathematics and reading assessments for grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 have been shifted and are scheduled for May 9–May 13, 2016. Districts will receive standard and optional reports for STAAR 3–8 testing by June 15, 2016.

- The administration window for the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) has been extended by one week and is scheduled for March 7–April 6, 2016.

The STAAR Alternate 2 testing window remains scheduled for April 4–April 15, 2016. The Texas Education Agency will consider an extension to the dates by one week, if necessary, after survey results on the 2015 STAAR Alternate 2 assessment are reviewed.

Please call the Student Assessment Division at (512) 463–9536 if you have any questions about this information.

Assessment Contact Information
Texas Education Agency
Department of Assessment and Accountability, Criss Cloudt, Associate Commissioner
Student Assessment Division, Gloria Zyskowski, Director
(512) 463–9536
studenta@tea.state.tx.us