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Subject: School Closures Due to Flooding During Spring 2024 STAAR

To the Regional and District Testing Coordinators Addressed:

The purpose of this communication is to notify Texas public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools with closures due to recent flooding of additional days to complete the spring 2024 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR[®]).

The Texas Education Agency's (TEA) primary concern is the health and welfare of all Texas students. We are in daily contact with district leaders to understand the situation, the duration of any school closures, and any related decisions regarding completing STAAR mathematics testing this spring.

TEA is allowing local educational agencies (LEAs) that are unable to complete STAAR mathematics testing due to school closures from flooding this week to complete testing next week. LEAs that need to complete testing next week due to school closures must contact Cambium Assessment, Inc. All STAAR grades 3–8 mathematics and Algebra I assessments for these LEAs must be completed by **5:00 p.m. (CT) Thursday, May 9, 2024**.

Regardless of this limited opportunity to test next week for certain LEAs, **all LEAs must complete entering student information for the spring 2024 STAAR administration by 11:59 p.m. (CT) Friday, May 3**. Student information, including student demographics, program enrollment, and non-embedded supports, must be entered and verified in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) for all students by this date. If district personnel make changes to the information after this date, those changes will not be included in assessment reports for accountability. Refer to the <u>Complete</u> <u>Administrations</u> section of the *District and Campus Coordinator Resources* for more information.

The decisions outlined in this communication are based on the state's commitment to our districts and students, with the priority of ensuring that those LEAs impacted by the recent flooding can make educational decisions that are in the best interest of their students.

For questions or assistance regarding the information in this communication, contact Texas Testing Support at 833-601-8821, <u>TexasTestingSupport@cambiumassessment.com</u>, or <u>TexasAssessment.gov</u> via live chat.



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