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TO THE ESC AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR ADDRESSED:

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Subject: Results of Two Surveys on Effectiveness of Testing Accommodations Now Available

In the spring of 2010, the TEA Student Assessment Division conducted two Web-based surveys on the effectiveness of accommodations provided during the spring 2010 state assessments. Reports detailing the results of these surveys are available at:

- Report on testing accommodations in general (linguistic accommodations not included):
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/accommodations/>
- Report on linguistically accommodated testing (LAT):
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/ell/>
This report also contains an analysis of linguistic accommodation use as recorded on student answer documents during spring 2010 LAT administrations and survey input on ELL test participation policies.

The reports may also be accessed from the What's New list on the Student Assessment Division home page.

Thank you to all who participated in these surveys. The input gathered from test administrators, testing coordinators, and other involved personnel is vital to the development of accommodation policies for the new State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) program, which will be implemented in the 2011-2012 school year.

Please contact the TEA Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536 if you have any questions about these reports.

cc: ESC and district bilingual/ESL contacts and special education coordinators