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TO: The ESC/District Testing Coordinator Addressed
RE: 2009–2010 Exit Level Retests for Students for Whom TAAS Is the Graduation Requirement

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide information about the 2009–2010 exit level retest schedule for out-of-school examinees for whom TAAS is the graduation requirement.

Districts were notified July 8, 2009 that, due to legislative action, TAAS will no longer be administered. Instead, exit level TAKS assessments will be administered with passing standards that have been adjusted for examinees whose graduation requirement is TAAS.

TAAS reading and writing tests were administered on separate days in the past, so the schedule below reflects that examinees who need to test in both subject areas to meet their graduation requirements will be administered those assessments on different days. However, although examinees will NOT be required to take both tests on the day scheduled for TAKS English language arts, they may do so if they wish. For the 2009–2010 calendar year, these are the dates for the administration of TAKS to examinees who formerly took TAAS:

- Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – exit level TAKS ELA writing (writing prompt + revising and editing section)
- Wednesday, October 21, 2009 – exit level TAKS mathematics
- Thursday, October 22, 2009 – exit level TAKS ELA reading (multiple-choice items only)

- Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – exit level TAKS ELA writing (writing prompt + revising and editing section)
- Thursday, March 4, 2010 – exit level TAKS mathematics
- Friday, March 5, 2010 – exit level TAKS ELA reading (multiple-choice items only)

- Tuesday, April 27, 2010 - exit level TAKS ELA writing (writing prompt + revising and editing section)
- Wednesday, April 28, 2010 – exit level TAKS mathematics
- Thursday, April 29 – exit level TAKS ELA reading (multiple-choice items only)

- Tuesday, July 13, 2010 - exit level TAKS ELA writing (writing prompt + revising and editing section)
- Wednesday, July 14, 2010 - exit level TAKS mathematics
- Thursday, July 15, 2010 - exit level TAKS ELA reading (multiple-choice items only)

Former TAAS examinees will need to take the paper version of the TAKS assessments.

There have been a number of changes to the Texas assessment program as well as the testing calendar for the 2009–2010 school year, many of which resulted from the passage of House Bill 3 during the 81st Legislative Session; and it is likely that the information about TAAS testing will not have reached all examinees affected. Consequently, TEA is asking districts to allow any former TAAS examinees to test, even if they report to the testing site on the wrong day during the week of the October retest administration.

Please call TEA’s Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536 if you have any questions about this information.