April 15, 2010

TO THE ESC AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR ADDRESSED:

Please DO NOT reply to this e-mail.

Subject: Two Surveys on Effectiveness of Testing Accommodations Now Available

On March 24, 2010, an e-mail was sent to notify you that the TEA Student Assessment Division will be conducting two Web-based surveys this spring on the effectiveness of accommodations allowed during the spring 2010 state assessments. The surveys are now available at the following URLs:

Survey on testing accommodations in general (linguistic accommodations not included)
www.TexasAssessment.com/TestingAccommodationsSurvey

Survey on linguistic accommodations provided to ELLs during LAT administrations
www.TexasAssessment.com/LATAccommodationsSurvey

Input 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.

It is recommended that personnel respond to the survey when their role in the test administrations is complete. The surveys will be posted until May 26, 2010, and are to be completed and submitted online.

Please forward this e-mail to relevant staff and encourage them to provide input on these important topics in preparation for the STAAR assessment program.

Thank you.

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