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Subject: Updates to the 2011–2012 Testing Calendar

TO THE ESC AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR ADDRESSED:

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The purpose of this e-mail is notification of a change to the 2011–2012 student assessment testing calendar. The revision will be reflected on the 2012 Calendar of Events, which is posted on the Texas Education Agency’s (TEA’s) website for the District and Campus Coordinator Manual 2012 at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/manuals/dccm/.

The date for districts to receive Standard and Optional Reports for the March 2012 STAAR grades 5 and 8 mathematics and reading was incorrectly reported as April 18, 2012. Instead districts will receive reports on May 23, 2012. These reports will provide raw score information; will include a data file, confidential student rosters, and summary reports; and will be available only online. This is the same date that districts will receive Standard and Optional Reports for the March 2012 STAAR grades 4 and 7 writing tests and the April 2012 STAAR grades 3–8 tests in mathematics, reading, science, and social studies.

Confidential Student Reports and labels for STAAR grades 3–8 in all subjects will be provided in January 2013. As indicated in item #81 of the STAAR Questions and Answers, located on the TEA website, districts are not required to report individual results to parents or their local school board at a regularly scheduled meeting until after receiving the final phase of performance reports which will occur in January 2013.

Additionally, SSI retest opportunities will not be offered in May or June of 2012 because performance standards for STAAR 3–8 will not be set until October 2012. Students will not be held subject to SSI requirements for the 2011–2012 school year. Instead, districts will make promotion/retention decisions based on the same academic information (e.g., the recommendation of the student’s teacher and the student’s grade in the subject) used to make these decisions in non-SSI grades.

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

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