March 20, 2015

Subject: Posting of the Approved 2015–2016 Testing Calendar

TO THE ESC AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR ADDRESSED:

Please DO NOT reply to this email.

The purpose of this email is to notify you of the posting of the approved 2015–2016 Student Assessment testing calendar. The calendar is posted to the Texas Education Agency’s (TEA) website at http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/calendars/.

Updates to the 2015–2016 testing calendar are listed below.

- The December administration week for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) end-of-course (EOC) assessments is scheduled for December 7–11, 2015.

- The STAAR mathematics and reading assessments for grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 will be administered the week of May 9–13, 2016. Districts will receive reports for STAAR 3–8 assessments by June 15, 2016.

- The STAAR grades 5 and 8 science assessments will be administered on May 11, 2016, and the STAAR grade 8 social studies assessment will be administered on May 12, 2016. Districts will receive reports by June 15, 2016.

- The Student Success Initiative grade advancement requirements for mathematics will be reinstated in the 2015–2016 school year. Therefore, three testing opportunities will be available in 2016 for STAAR grades 5 and 8 mathematics. Scheduled testing dates are March 29, May 9, and June 21.

- The STAAR EOC and the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) assessments will be administered the week of July 11–15, 2016.

- The STAAR Algebra II and English III assessments will be available for districts to administer on an optional basis in spring 2016. English III is scheduled for May 10, and Algebra II is scheduled for May 11.

- The administration window for the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) has been extended by one week and is scheduled for March 7–April 6, 2016.

The STAAR Alternate 2 testing window remains scheduled for April 4–15, 2016. TEA will consider an extension to the dates by one week, if necessary, after survey results on the 2015 STAAR Alternate 2 assessment are reviewed.
Please call the Student Assessment Division at (512) 463-9536 if you have any questions about this information.

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