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To the District and ESC Testing Coordinator Addressed:

This communication is to notify school districts and Education Service Centers (ESCs) about the posting of draft versions of the 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 Student Assessment testing calendars. The drafts of these calendars are available for public review and are posted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA's) website at <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/calendars/>. Comments and suggestions about the drafts should be sent to Test.Calendar@tea.texas.gov by **Monday, July 9, 2018**.

Proposed changes to the calendars include the following:

- Training dates have been removed from the testing calendar and will be included in the Calendar of Events.
- Starting in December 2019, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) will be offered online during a two-week testing window for the December, April, May, and June administrations. Districts have the flexibility to administer scheduled STAAR assessments online at any time during the two-week window. The STAAR paper administrations for December, April, May, and June will remain in one-week testing windows. Districts testing on paper will continue to administer STAAR grades 3–8, English I, and English II assessments on the state-assigned days listed.
- STAAR administrations in May have been moved closer to the end of the month and will end just prior to Memorial Day each year to maximize instruction time prior to the assessments.
 - For 2019–2020, the May paper administration window is May 11–15, 2020, and the May online administration window is May 11–22, 2020.
 - For 2020–2021, the May paper administration window is May 17–21, 2021, and the May online administration window is May 17–28, 2021.
- The Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) administration window also includes the TELPAS Alternate testing dates.

For questions concerning this information, contact the Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536.

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