

August 20, 2015

SUBJECT: TETN Presentation–Implementation of New Assessment Contracts

TO: ESC Testing Coordinators and District Testing Coordinators

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On May 18, 2015, the Texas Education Agency announced its intent to award the various components of the 2015–2019 contract for student assessment services to two separate contractors.

Educational Testing Service (ETS) was awarded the Program Integration and State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR[®]) components of the contract. Pearson was awarded the STAAR Alternate 2, Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), and Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) components of the contract.

As a result of the awards, beginning in the 2015–2016 school year, there will be some changes to the processes associated with the student assessment program. The Student Assessment Division will host a Texas Educator Television Network (TETN) presentation on August 26th and again on August 28th from 9:00 a.m. to noon to discuss these changes and to introduce districts to the new aspects of the Texas Assessment Management System. Both sessions will be identical in content.

Contact your local Education Service Center for more details about the scheduling of the TETN. Please call the Student Assessment Division at (512) 463-9536 if you have any questions about this information.