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To the District and ESC Testing Coordinator Addressed:

Due to recent changes that impact testing and accountability activities for the December 2017 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR<sup>®</sup>) end-of-course administration, the Texas Education Agency has developed a *December 2017 Supplement* to provide districts with information for identifying students impacted by Hurricane Harvey on the STAAR answer document and for former Texas Assessments of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) examinees taking STAAR. The *December 2017 Supplement* is attached and available at <u>https://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/manuals/</u>.

Students in the counties included in the Governor's Disaster Declaration who were affected by Hurricane Harvey will need to be identified and tracked so that accountability adjustments may be made. The STAAR answer document can be used if districts have not identified students who have been displaced by Hurricane Harvey in the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS), or if changes need to be made to the information originally submitted in PEIMS. The *December 2017 Supplement* includes instructions for identifying students affected by Hurricane Harvey.

With the elimination of TAKS, one option for former TAKS examinees to fulfill their testing graduation requirements is to take the corresponding STAAR test. The *December 2017 Supplement* includes specific test administration and coding information for former TAKS examinees taking STAAR. Please note that the information in the supplement has been updated from the information that was previously communicated.

For questions or assistance, contact the Student Assessment Division.

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