

November 16, 2018

Subject: Public Notice of Texas Request of a Waiver from 1.0 Percent State Threshold on the Percentage of Students Who Take an Alternate Assessment

To the District and ESC Testing and Special Education Coordinators Addressed:

The purpose of this email is to provide notification that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has posted the draft [Texas Waiver Request Regarding STAAR Alternate 2](#) for public comment on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) Alternate 2 webpage.

For the second year, Texas is requesting a waiver from the United States Department of Education (USDE) regarding the 1.0 percent threshold on the percentage of students statewide who participate in alternate assessments aligned with alternate academic achievement standards (i.e., STAAR Alternate 2) during the 2018–2019 school year.

TEA will also provide notification of this waiver request by publishing information in the *Texas Register* on Friday, November 30, 2018. TEA is accepting comments regarding this waiver request via email to assessmentwaiver@tea.texas.gov. The public comment period begins Friday, November 16, 2018, and ends **Monday, December 17, 2018, at 5:00 PM (CT)**. Note that TEA will not respond to individual comments but will incorporate the comments as it is in finalizing the waiver request before submission to the USDE.

Please forward this notification to all interested persons.

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