Distributing the STAAR Access Code to Parents
What Schools and Districts Need to Know

1. **Can districts or schools directly share a student's STAAR Access Code with parents?**
   - Yes. Districts and schools should share STAAR access codes directly with parents if they have a secure communications channel, such as individual parent emails, text SMS or a local web portal. STAAR Access Codes can be found in STAAR assessment data files referenced as the "Student Portal Unique Access Code". The code is unique to each student who has taken at least one STAAR, STAAR Alternate 2, or TELPAS assessment.

2. **If parents don't receive a STAAR Access Code from their district or school, how can they look it up themselves?**
   - When parents visit www.texasassessment.com, they can click on the link "Find My Access Code" located at the bottom of the purple login box. After entering their child's first name, date of birth and social security or "S" number, they will be provided an Access Code so they can login into the portal.

3. **What is an "S" number?**
   - An S number is a state-approved alternate ID number assigned to a child either because a Social Security number is not available, or the parent chose not to release a Social Security number.

4. **Will TEA still provide hard copies of the STAAR Student Report Card (SRC)?**
     Yes. TEA will still print and send hard copies of each student's SRC to the school district for distribution to parents. The date for these to be available for mailing is June 13, 2018.

5. **Is the student STAAR performance information available in Spanish?**
   - Yes. For students and families that identify as primary Spanish speakers at home, the website will be available in Spanish, as well as the STAAR Report Card PDF.

6. **When school is out, is the information provided to parents via the STAAR Access Code still helpful?**
   - Absolutely! There are lots of resources for summer learning available at www.texasassessment.com. Parents can access summer reading lists and math activities, tailored to their specific child's performance on STAAR, during the summer months in order to prepare for the upcoming school year.

7. **Are teachers and principals able to log in and see the same student performance information as parents?**
   - We believe teachers should have access to this tool. Recent guidance was provided to schools and districts with instructions on how educators can access the portal so they're able to experience the site for themselves and answer any/all questions from parents. By working with their district testing coordinators, they can also use the tool for purposes of immediate remediation with students in need of additional help. It is important to note that since the portal includes access to real test content which has not been released yet, educators should refrain from duplicating or disseminating any test items until they are formally released this August.
   - For purposes of immediate remediation, district testing coordinators can provide teachers with the item responses for each student in their classroom. Teachers can then use the student responses, item rationales, and the student expectations assessed to inform instruction and help individual students who have not yet demonstrated mastery of the content.
   - If a parent wishes to discuss specific student performance with a teacher, the parent may provide the teacher with his or her student's Access Code so that the teacher can see the student's actual responses. We encourage teachers and parents to sit down together to go over items in detail.