To the District and ESC Testing Coordinator Addressed:

This communication is to inform you of the following important changes for the 2019–2020 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) administrations.

## **SPRING 2020 STAAR TEST MATERIALS**

As announced on March 16, Governor Abbott has waived all STAAR testing requirements for the remainder of the 2019–2020 school year. Shipments of test materials for the April 2020 STAAR administrations have been stopped, and ETS is working on rerouting any shipments currently in transit back to the ETS warehouse. If our shipping vendors attempt to deliver any April shipments, districts may refuse the shipment, and it will be returned to ETS.

Districts that have already received test materials via UPS should not open any materials. These districts will receive UPS labels via email for their return. Once the labels are received, the district should contact UPS at 1-800-PICK-UPS to request the materials be collected and returned as soon as possible based on the district's ability to have staff on-site for the return.

Districts that have already received test material via freight should leave all materials palletized. These districts do not need to apply any return labels to their boxes. A new bill of lading (BOL) will be sent via email to the district testing coordinator. ETS will contact districts to schedule a pickup date and time as soon as possible based on the district's ability to have staff on-site for the return.

Additionally, ETS will not be shipping any May or June 2020 test materials to districts.

For questions or assistance regarding the information in this communication, contact the Texas Assessment Support Center at 855-333-7770, <u>STAAR3-8@ets.org</u>, <u>STAAREOC@ets.org</u>, or via live chat through the Assessment Management System.