[Insert School Letter Head Here]

[Insert Date]

Dear Parent/Guardian:

[Insert Campus or District] is participating in the Texas Through-year Assessment Pilot (TTAP) this school year. Your child will be participating in the [select the one that applies: grade 3 math, grade 6 math, grade 7 math, grade 8 math, grade 8 social studies] test.

**What is TTAP?**

The Texas Legislature required the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to develop and pilot a through-year assessment model as a possible replacement of the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) summative tests. A through-year assessment model refers to a progress monitoring system that provides students multiple opportunities throughout the school year to demonstrate their mastery of standards and to contribute to their summative performance level reported at the end of the year.

TTAP has been designed in collaboration with Texas educators, administrators, students, and families. The progress monitoring system will have three, short testing opportunities – one in the fall, winter, and spring. The model will be piloted over several years to assess its benefits and to ensure its validity and comparability to the STAAR. Around 90 districts across the state have chosen to participate in year 3 of the pilot, including [Insert District Name].

The goal of TTAP is to determine whether this assessment model provides timely and helpful information to teachers on students’ progress towards end-of-year proficiency. Throughout the course of the pilot, TEA will be gathering feedback from students and teachers to help determine if this model could one day replace STAAR.

**Frequently Asked Questions About TTAP:**

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| **Question:** When are the testing windows and how long are they? **Answer:** TTAP will have one-week testing windows during the 2024-2025 school year.   * Opportunity 1 (Fall): November 11 – November 15 * Opportunity 2 (Winter): January 27 – January 31 * Opportunity 3 (Spring): March 24 – March 28 |
| **Question:** What grade levels and subjects will be tested in the 2024-2025 school year? **Answer:** Grade 3 math (new), grade 6 math, grade 7 math, grade 8 math (new), and grade 8 social studies will be available. The pilot will aim to expand over multiple years. |
| **Question:** What information about my child’s learning does the test provide?  **Answer:** Teachers have access to individual student reports (ISRs) for each child in their classroom that are generated after each testing opportunity. These reports include the students’ opportunity scale score, performance level, in-year growth score, item-level performance, and prediction to the STAAR. More information on each of the elements included in the score report can be found in the ISR addendum, which teachers can access along with ISRs. |

**Important Notes About TTAP:**

* TTAP results will not be posted to texasassessment.gov. Districts will be responsible for sharing individual student reports with parents after each opportunity throughout the year.
* TTAP participation does not exempt districts from state summative testing, which is required for federal accountability purposes. TTAP will not have any implications to accountability while it is still in pilot stages.
* To maximize instructional time in the classroom, TTAP will serve as a direct replacement to other assessments that track progress towards end-of-year proficiency.

We appreciate your support and encouragement throughout this pilot. For more information, please visit the TTAP webpage at <https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/assessment-initiatives/hb-3906/texas-through-year-assessment-pilot>. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. You may contact [Insert Name] at [Insert Email or Phone Number].

Sincerely,

[Insert Principal’s or Superintendent’s Signature]