To the Education Service Center and District Staff Members Addressed:

This communication is to inform you of the following upcoming activities for the 2023–2024 Texas Assessment Program.

DECEMBER 2023 STAAR ADMINISTRATION

Early student results for the December 2023 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) will be available for district testing coordinators in the Centralized Reporting System (CRS) beginning **January 10, 2024**. An early data file will be posted to the Secure File Center for the district testing coordinator on that same date. Beginning **January 12**, early student results will be available in CRS for other authorized users, including teachers with rosters. District personnel can use these early results to determine if graduation requirements have been met or if retesting is necessary. These early results are for student-level information not for district or campus accountability reporting. Preliminary assessment reports for accountability will be available on **January 19**.

TEXAS THROUGH-YEAR ASSESSMENT PILOT

Opportunity 2 of the Texas Through-year Assessment Pilot (TTAP) opens on **January 29, 2024**. Testing personnel in participating districts may now create test sessions for Opportunity 2 in the Test Administrator Interface of the Test Delivery System (TDS). For more information on how to create test sessions, refer to the *TDS User Guide*.

NEW RESEARCH PORTAL

As previously announced, the new Research Portal for the Texas Assessment Program is available on the Testing Personnel and Educators pages of the Texas Assessment website. The Research Portal provides aggregate assessment data for all Texas students who participated in statewide test administrations and includes a glossary, user guide, and overview video to help users navigate the system. Users can analyze and compare assessment results across multiple administrations and across regions, districts, and campuses. The Research Portal also allows users to generate various reports for each operational assessment program and to analyze the results by different student groups.

The Texas Education Agency is hosting two Technology Alliance for Statewide Initiatives (TASI) webinars for the launch of the new Research Portal. District and campus administrators can register for the webinars using the registration links below:

- January 17, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (CT)
- January 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (CT)

CHROME OS VERSION 119

Due to changes in Google's operating system, Spanish text-to-speech (TTS) functionality is currently unavailable within the Secure Browser for Chromebooks running Chrome OS version 119. For STAAR Interim Assessments and the Texas Formative Assessment Resource (TFAR), students requiring Spanish TTS on Chrome OS version 119 may use the device's standard web browser. For the February 2024 Stand-Alone Field Test, students taking the Spanish field test with TTS must either use Chrome OS version 118 or test on another device. CAI has reached out to Google, and additional

information regarding support for Spanish TTS will be provided once it becomes available.

For questions or assistance regarding the information in this communication, contact Texas Testing Support at 833-601-8821, TexasTestingSupport@cambiumassessment.com, or [TexasAssessment.gov via live chat](https://TexasAssessment.gov).