February 2, 2012

TO THE ESC/DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATORS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS:

SUBJECT: 2012 STAAR Modified field test requirements

This letter is intended to clarify the field testing requirements outlined in the August 26, 2011 “TO THE SUPERINTENDENTADDRESSED” letter regarding 2011–2012 Mandatory STAAR EOC Testing Activities.

The STAAR Modified mandatory stand-alone field tests for English II and geometry are census (all eligible students participate) field tests and will be administered at the same time as the comparable STAAR assessment.

- STAAR Modified English II field test: March 28-29, 2012
- STAAR Modified geometry field test: May 7-18 assessment window

In order for district testing coordinators to receive precode files for these two tests, information must be submitted by February 10, 2012, for STAAR Modified English II and by March 30, 2012, for STAAR Modified Geometry. The deadline to order additional materials is March 19, 2012, for Modified English II and by April 30, 2012, for Modified Geometry. All students enrolled in grades 10 and 11 during the 2011-2012 school year who take TAKS–M English language arts (ELA) and mathematics tests will also be required to participate in the stand-alone field test for STAAR Modified geometry and/or English II, provided the student is enrolled in the course. STAAR Modified assessments will be administered in paper mode only. Campuses will not receive score reports for students who participate in these two STAAR Modified s field tests.

TEA greatly appreciates districts’ continued support of these critical activities through their participation. Refer to the 2011–2012 student assessment testing calendar at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/calendars/ for testing dates. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Student Assessment Division. Call Pearson’s Austin Operations Center at 800-252-9186 with questions concerning access to your assignments.

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