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To the Administrator Addressed

Subject: 2018 STAAR Online Testing Issues

While last year, TEA experienced few to no disruptions to online testing, the STAAR Online Testing Platform (SOTP) experienced two separate connectivity events which impacted testing during the 2018 spring administrations. In April, the event impacted students taking the grades 5 and 8 mathematics, 4 and 7 writing and English I tests. In May, the event primarily impacted students taking the grades 3-8

MAY 2018 STAAR	Districts	Campuses	Total Tests	
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same; only the rating will change. TEA will conduct this analysis prior to the release of the preliminary ratings on August 15.

Additional information about the plan to address this issue in the accountability and monitoring systems for all test results affected by the online testing issues that occurred in April and May will be provided to districts in the next few weeks.

Future of Online Testing

TEA is committed to