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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Important Updates for the 2018 Spring STAAR Administrations

I am so thankful for the intensive efforts you and your staff have been engaged in all year, working to teach our next generation so they are equipped with all they need to know at each grade level. Next week marks one more step in that process, as the first of the spring 2018 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) will be administered to assess the depth of grade level knowledge students have learned. I know this can be stressful. I have been listening to district feedback and want to do all I can to help make this a positive experience and reduce stress for students and school district and charter school personnel. To that end, I wanted to highlight three important changes.

Hopefully these changes are helpful to your students and staff. I want to thank you all for the hard work that you do. I hope next week's testing goes well for each and every one of you. If you need assistance with anything, please call TEA's Student Assessment Division at (512) 463-9536, and that team will be happy to help you.

Sincerely,

Mike Morath
Commissioner of Education