Three Things Families Should Know About the 2021 STAAR

1. STAAR results this year are for learning and recovery only.
   - The scores will not affect promotion for students in any grades.
   - Graduating students will have other options to meet the graduation requirements.

2. STAAR results will be used by schools and districts to identify learning gaps due to COVID-19.
   - This summer, district leaders will use the test scores to develop plans to accelerate learning in the areas where students have missed important instruction.
   - There are many ways to measure learning and STAAR is only one of them. It is meant to be combined with report card grades and teacher input to give families a more complete picture of their child’s learning.

3. Families will receive scores as well as tailored resources mid-summer in preparation for the next school year.
   - Scores will be available to families through the Home Access Center or on TexasAssessment.Gov
   - As in previous years, families will be able to access detailed information about their child’s areas of strength as well as any gaps in learning.

The partnership between schools and families has never been more important.

STAAR is just one of many ways to measure student learning. It isn’t meant to tell the whole story, but should be combined with other measures like personal observations, teacher feedback, and grades to give families a more complete picture of their child’s learning over the past year.

This year, your child’s scores may be lower than in previous years. It is important that your child knows this is because of the learning disruptions over the past year. Families should discuss their child’s STAAR results with their child’s teachers in the fall to co-create a learning plan to get their children back on track.