

## **Information on Resolution to Suspend Portions of EIE (Local)**

### **Revised Mathematics Essential Knowledge and Skills**

In 2012, the State Board of Education reviewed and revised the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for mathematics in kindergarten through grade 8 as well as for high school mathematics courses. The 2014–15 school year will be the first year of implementation for the newly revised mathematics TEKS for kindergarten through grade 8. TEA has indicated that, due to the extensive nature of the changes in the mathematics TEKS for kindergarten through grade 8, the STAAR testing program for students in grades 3–8 will be significantly affected by these changes. The spring 2015 STAAR mathematics assessment for students in grades 3–8 will involve a unique administration based on curriculum frameworks created with the revised TEKS. Because of this unique administration, only a raw score will be communicated to the district, retakes for mathematics for grade 5 and 8 will not be available, and the Student Success Initiative (SSI) grade advancement requirements for the mathematics STAAR will not apply. The SSI grade advancement requirements, however, will continue to apply for the STAAR reading assessment. Districts will need to consider other relevant academic information when making promotion and retention decisions in regard to student performance in mathematics for students in grades 5 and 8.

### **EIE(LOCAL) Policy**

Most districts' EIE(LOCAL) policies restate the grade advancement testing provisions requiring students in grades 5 and 8 to meet the passing standard on the reading and mathematics assessment instruments to be promoted to the next grade, in addition to the district's local promotion requirements. Because the grade advancement requirements under the SSI will be altered only for the 2014–15 school year and only in the area of mathematics, TASB Policy Service recommends that the board suspend local policy provisions relating to successful performance on the mathematics assessment as a condition of promotion for the upcoming school year only. Otherwise, your board would need to revise your EIE(LOCAL) twice—prior to the 2014–15 school year and again when performance standards have been set and the SSI grade advancement requirements are once again applicable.