



TEXANS ADVOCATING FOR MEANINGFUL STUDENT ASSESSMENT

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Texans Advocating for Meaningful Student Assessment (TAMSA) asks that the state request a waiver of testing for the 2020-2021 school year.

TAMSA is in full support of our children, parents and school districts during this unprecedented health crisis, COVID-19.

As the number of new cases rise in our state, there are many unknowns about the trajectory of the virus and its impact on families and communities. Additionally, there are vast differences in outbreaks both across the state and within districts, and responses to maintain the safety of students and staff is the number one priority.

Heather Sheffield, President of TAMSA states, "We know that teachers are essential to a student's education and that neither packets nor computers can substitute for them. Until every student has the opportunity to learn in their usual way at school, we believe it is prudent, advisable and supportive of Texas families and schools that the state seeks a waiver of testing for the 2020-2021 school year."