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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Interactive Study Guides

The purpose of this letter is to announce the availability of new online, interactive TAKS study guides. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is making these interactive study guides available online to help students strengthen their understanding of the concepts and skills specified in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and tested on TAKS.

The TAKS interactive study guides cover the same grades and subjects and include the identical content as the print-based guides, while providing content enhanced with dynamic images and engaging interactive activities.

The interactive study guides are designed for students to use independently or for students and families to work on together at the computer. Key concepts are presented and reinforced in multiple ways to better help students review and retain the knowledge and skills in the TEKS. Every guide includes explanations, practice questions, detailed answer keys, and student activities.

The TAKS interactive study guides will be available online at no cost to districts or students beginning with the Student Success Initiative (SSI) grades (3, 5, and 8) as well as exit level in late March 2008. A more detailed schedule for when all interactive study guides will be available is listed below. Separate broadcast e-mails will be sent to districts as each guide is posted, along with a link to the website for accessing the guides.

2008 Availability	Guides
By the end of March	Grades 3, 5 and 8 reading (English) Grades 3 and 5 reading (Spanish) All exit level guides
By the end of April	Grades 5 and 8 mathematics (English) Grade 5 mathematics (Spanish)
By the end of summer	All remaining study guides