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To the ESC and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

This communication is to inform you of future technology changes that may impact your district's online testing experience for the Texas Assessment Program beginning in the 2020–2021 school year. Microsoft will be ending support for its Windows 7 operating system on January 14, 2020. Districts may continue to use personal computers running Windows 7, but without continued software and security updates, there will be a greater risk of becoming infected with viruses and malware. Windows 7 will remain on the list of supported operating systems for the Texas Assessment Program through the end of the 2019–2020 school year. Beginning in August 2020, Windows 7 will no longer be a supported operating system for the Texas Assessment Program. We encourage districts to plan accordingly for this upcoming change.

For more information on upgrading your Windows 7 personal computers, please visit <http://microsoft.com/windows7>. For questions about the Texas Assessment Program, contact the Student Assessment Division at (512) 463-9536 or studentassessment@tea.texas.gov.

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