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Senator José Menéndez Issues Statement on STAAR Test Results

San Antonio, Texas - State Senator José Menéndez issued the following statement on the results from the STAAR test for the 2020-2021 school year.

Senator José Menéndez released the following statement:

“Today, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) released results for the 2020-2021 STAAR test. While the results have shown that there was a decline in performance, it is critical to note that this test was administered during a global pandemic. Our students endured mental health challenges, loss of friends and family, and social isolation during this time period. Our students are much more than the results of a test that has shown to be consistently inequitable. It is more apparent than ever that we need to be putting our COVID-19 federal stimulus money, and additional state money to address the funding of our schools, not the STAAR test. This additional funding would provide our teachers the resources they need, and our students the tools to continue to grow academically. We as parents want our children to be provided with the tools necessary to learn and succeed. These are the efforts we need to be focusing on, not a high-stakes test.”

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