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**Senator José Menéndez Issues Statement On the Cancellation of the
High-Stakes STAAR Test**

San Antonio, Texas - "While I appreciate Governor Abbott's decision to waive the requirements that the STAAR test be used to promote 5th and 8th graders, it does not go far enough. We need to drop the STAAR exam entirely and put our focus and the \$83M towards the safety of our children and our teachers, not the companies that profit from the test. The test will only serve to measure the digital divide that the pandemic has amplified."

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