When can we start using the School Psychologist title?

The 465.38 rule change becomes official when it is published in the Texas Register. TASP will notify all members when this occurs through all the regular communication channels.

Is LSSP going away?

No. The name of the license to practice psychology in the schools remains “Licensed Specialist in School Psychology” (LSSP).

Is TSBEP going to mail me a new license that says School Psychologist?

No. The name of the license remains “Licensed Specialist in School Psychology” (LSSP).

Can I introduce myself to others/can others refer to me as a “School Psychologist” and not say “LSSP”?

Yes

Am I still a LSSP?

You could still refer to yourself using the title of “Licensed Specialist in School Psychology” (LSSP).
How should our signature line/block appear on reports, email signature, business cards?

Any option listed below is acceptable:

Your Name, MA, LSSP  Your Name, SSP, LSSP  Your Name, PhD, LSSP
School Psychologist   School Psychologist   School Psychologist
TSBEP #xxxxxxx        TSBEP #xxxxxxx        TSBEP #xxxxxxx

Your Name, MA, LSSP, NCSP  Your Name, SSP, LSSP, NCSP  Your Name, PhD, LSSP, NCSP
School Psychologist   School Psychologist   School Psychologist
TSBEP# xxxxx, NCSP #xxxx  TSBEP# xxxxx, NCSP #xxxx  TSBEP# xxxxx, NCSP #xxxx

Your Name
School Psychologist
Should we refer to “title change” even though LSSP remains?

Specifically, Rule 465.38 and Attorney General Opinion KP-0443 allows those that hold the LSSP license to use the title “School Psychologist”.

Can school districts change the name of the position from “LSSP” to “School Psychologist”?

Yes. The title "School Psychologist" clearly identifies to school staff, students, families, and community members an individual who is qualified to provide the full range of comprehensive school psychological services in the school setting. Given the shortage, the proper name of the position helps recruit professionals, including those individuals who are from out of state.

TASP will be reaching out to the Texas Education Agency to encourage them to change the 023 code in Table C021 in the Texas Student Data Standards (TSDS).