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To Parents of Dell City ISD Students:

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the DELL CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2017-2018 accreditation status of DELL CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is Accredited-Warned. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to districts include Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked. A status of Accredited-Warned means that a district exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to probation or revocation of the district’s accreditation status.

DELL CITY ISD has been assigned an Accredited-Warned status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state’s Academic Accountability Rating System. Specifically, DELL CITY ISD was assigned a 2016 and 2017 academic accountability rating of Improvement Required.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency:

Dell City ISD identified the need to refine systems for instruction and assessment to support new teachers and administrators. In order to address the identified need, Dell City ISD has developed a Campus Turnaround Plan. The district is taking the following steps:

- Systems have been developed for the implementation of the use of quality data to drive instruction.
- Student profiles have been developed for student populations most at risk – English Language Learners and Special Education Students.
- Continued progress monitoring to provide teachers and administrators with data to strengthen instruction, professional development and interventions.

Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the district are not addressed, the district may be assigned an accreditation status of Accredited-Probation or Not Accredited-Revoked the following year. A Not Accredited-Revoked status means that the TEA no longer recognizes the district as a Texas public school. Districts with an accreditation status below Accredited also may be subject to additional accreditation sanctions as referenced in statute and rule.

For more information regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses to school districts, you may access the TEA website at http://www.tea.texas.gov/accredstatus/. This website will provide you with background information as well as links to the Texas Education Code and current commissioner’s rules related to accreditation.

If you have additional questions regarding the assignment of an Accredited-Warned status to DELL CITY ISD or if you would like additional information about the district’s ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Verl O’Bryant, obryantv@dellcityisd.com, or (915) 964-2663.

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