

**IMPORTANT
ACCREDITATION
INFORMATION**

Dear Dime Box Independent School District Community Member:

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the Dime Box Independent School District

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2017-2018 accreditation status of the Dime Box 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.

The Dime Box Independent School District has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's Academic Accountability Rating System. Specifically, the Dime Box Independent School District was assigned Improvement Required in the state's Academic Accountability Rating System.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. This rating is based on the district's performance on last school year's state assessments. For the 2017-2018 school year the school has taken a number of steps toward improving instruction across the district. These steps include: Implementation of new reading instruction improvement and intervention plan across all grade levels. Restructuring of school administration to focus on improving and aligning instruction. Expanding the districts assessment or testing plan to evaluate students learning needs and to inform teachers how to meet those needs. Restructuring the daily schedule to increase learning time in reading and math at elementary grade levels. Contracting with outside tutoring services to provide intervention help to students at Dime Box. Increased time for teachers to conference together to improve and discuss ways to improve student learning.

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**. 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 the Dime Box Independent School District, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Mr. Nicholas West at nwest@dimeboxisd.net.

Respectfully,

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