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**IMPORTANT
ACCREDITATION
INFORMATION**

Dear Parents/Guardians

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to Trinity ISD

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2017-2018 accreditation status of Trinity ISD is **Accredited-Probation**. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to districts include Accredited, Accredited-Warning, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked. A status of **Accredited-Probation** means that a district exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to revocation of the district's accreditation status.

Trinity ISD has been assigned an **Accredited-Probation** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's academic accountability rating system. Specifically, Trinity ISD was assigned a 2015, 2016, and 2017 accountability rating of improvement required.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency: Provide all teachers with extensive training in lesson plan development and classroom integration to increase the rigor of classroom instruction. Extensive modeling and feedback to our teacher was provided on the best practice instructional methods to use in the classroom. Provide intervention classes in reading, writing, and math that are built into the daily schedule for all students. Utilize the Education Service Center to train our teachers in the Math Institute, developing Reading Strategies for Struggling Readers, Write for Texas training, TEKS Resource training and numerous other training opportunities. Six-week assessments and benchmarks are given and the data disaggregated by the core area teachers and principals to identify areas of deficiencies. iStation, Compass Learning, and Read 180 are used as tools to aid in remediation. Academic Saturdays were developed to provide remedial training for targeted students. Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the district are not addressed, the district may be assigned an accreditation status of **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-Probation** status to Trinity ISD, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Dr. John Kaufman, 936-594,3569, ext 1001 or Ms. Natalie Barrett, 936-594-3569, ext 1021.

Respectfully,

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