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To: Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Superintendent
South Texas ISD Board of Directors

From: Jeff Hembree, Deputy Superintendent

Date: November 12, 2019

RE: Proposed Admission Qualifications for Students and Campus Target
Populations for 2020-2021

The former Texas Education Code 26.73, as continued in effect by the current Texas Education Code 11.301, authorizes the South Texas ISD Board of Directors to, “determine the qualifications for admission to each vocational training program.” In 1997, the STISD Board approved open enrollment, on a first comes first serve basis until the campus target population has been met, as the district’s student admission qualifications. These admission qualifications have served students and the district well over the last twenty-two years.

Each school year the STISD Board of Directors reaffirms that the admissions qualifications for students is open enrollment, on a first comes first serve basis, until the campus target population set annually by the STISD Board of Directors is reached. The STISD Board of Directors has also included an addition to the admission qualifications that any student requesting admissions not have any pending or in progress alternative education placement or expulsion from another school district. There have been instances in the past where students and parents were trying to avoid alternative education placement or expulsion at another school district through enrollment at South Texas ISD. Any parent complaints regarding the admission qualifications set by the STISD Board of Directors follows the STISD board policies and procedures regarding complaints.

I recommend that the South Texas ISD Board of Directors reaffirm the open enrollment qualifications for students, as stated above, and approve the 2020-2021 campus target population numbers found on the following page. Thank you.

MARCO ANTONIO LARA, JR., ED.D.
Superintendent

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Deputy Superintendent

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Campus target student population for the 2020-2021 school year:

South Texas ISD Preparatory Academy	575
South Texas ISD Rising Scholars Academy	575
South Texas ISD Health Professions	775
South Texas ISD Medical Professions	775
South Texas ISD Science Academy	775
South Texas ISD World Scholars	625
South Texas ISD Total	4,100