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To: Dr. Marla M. Guerra, Superintendent  
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From: Jeff Hembree, Deputy Superintendent

Date: June 19, 2016

RE: State Assessment Results Spring 2016 --- STAAR 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade and STAAR  
End of Course

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The Spring 2016 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Grades 7-8 and End of Course (EOC) state assessment reports are attached. The EOC examinations were administered to students in the five subject areas of English 1, English 2, Algebra 1, Biology 1, and U.S. History. The first page is a summary of the grades 7-8 scores for this spring. The second page is a summary of EOC scores for this spring by campus and subject. The pages that follow are the more detailed reports. There is also an attached Texas Education Agency press release concerning the accountability release dates.

The STAAR grades 7-8 results are exceptional. The STAAR EOC results are strong. As you are aware, there were serious testing issues with the new state testing contractor. The English 1 and English 2 EOC scores were affected by the testing issues.

We have been working to utilize formative assessment to refine our instruction. The EOC scores will continue to improve as we keep our focus on higher-level objectives and to make adjustments based upon the individual student need. The EOC is made more difficult because most of these exams are early on in a student's high school or even junior high experience. There is less time to work with students here at South Texas ISD before they take these state exams. The students who we have longer to work with through 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade at STPA and Rising Scholars perform significantly better on the EOC exams.

State accountability ratings for the district and campus will be assigned later this year in the fall.

Thank you.

**State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR)**  
**Spring 2016 Examinations**  
**South Texas ISD**

STAAR Grades 7 and 8	Percentage Passing at <b>Level II: Satisfactory</b>					
	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Social Studies	Total - All
South Texas Preparatory Academy	97	95	99	98	91	96
Rising Scholars Academy of South Texas	97	97	98	n/a	100	98
Total District - South Texas ISD	97	96	99	98	91	97

STAAR Grades 7 and 8	Percentage Passing at <b>Level III: Advanced</b>					
	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Social Studies	Total - All
South Texas Preparatory Academy	42	43	29	51	36	40
Rising Scholars Academy of South Texas	49	46	17	n/a	55	37
Total District - South Texas ISD	44	44	23	51	37	39

**State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR)  
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STAAR End of Course Exams	Percentage Passing at <b>Level II: Satisfactory</b>					
	Eng 1	Eng 2	Alg 1	Bio	US Hist	Total - All
South Texas Preparatory Academy	100	n/a	99	100	n/a	100
Rising Scholars Academy of South Texas	91	n/a	100	100	n/a	97
South Texas Business, Education, & Technology	73	80	79	95	94	84
South Texas Academy for Medical Professions	68	83	89	94	97	85
South Texas High School for Health Professions	81	88	74	97	99	90
The Science Academy of South Texas	92	93	83	96	99	95
Total District - South Texas ISD	80	86	90	96	98	90

STAAR End of Course Exams	Percentage Passing at <b>Level III: Advanced</b>					
	Eng 1	Eng 2	Alg 1	Bio	US Hist	Total - All
South Texas Preparatory Academy	44		43	58		49
Rising Scholars Academy of South Texas	18		80	73		56
South Texas Business, Education, & Technology	6	14	14	13	32	15
South Texas Academy for Medical Professions	5	11	20	13	35	15
South Texas High School for Health Professions	7	15	14	19	23	15
The Science Academy of South Texas	24	21	21	18	43	27
Total District - South Texas ISD	14	15	30	27	34	23