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Dear Parents:

In 1995 the Texas Legislature created the Public Education Grant (PEG) program (TEC Sec. 29.201 – 12.205). This program permits parents of a student enrolled in a school on the PEG list to request that their student transfer to a school in another district or to a school within the district that is not on the PEG list. Campuses receiving an *F* rating in both the Student Achievement domain and the School Progress domain are placed on the PEG list.

The Texas Education Agency released the list of PEG designated schools in December. Simms Elementary is on the PEG list due to an *F* rating in both the Student Achievement and School Progress domains in the 2019 State Accountability System.

To address the areas of student achievement and school progress, Simms Elementary teachers participate weekly in focused meetings to plan and design instructional activities that include instructionally sound and research based best practices. The campus administrative team, through formal and informal classroom visits, monitors these high quality lessons and activities. To ensure that all students are successful, student performance on daily activities and curriculum-based assessments are used to determine if a student needs additional support through small group or individualized instruction. The overall goal of Simms Elementary is to provide high quality instruction that affords each student the opportunity to excel.

As a parent or guardian of a student attending a PEG designated campus, you have the option to request the transfer of your student to another elementary campus in TCISD for the 2021-2022 school year. You may request the transfer by completing a transfer application. You may pick up a transfer application from the **Simms Elementary school office**. A downloadable copy of the transfer application is also available online at [tcisd.org](http://tcisd.org). A paper copy of completed transfer applications must be returned to Texas City ISD Central Administration, 1700 9<sup>th</sup> Ave North by **Friday, March 12, 2021**. Applications will be approved or denied based on available space at the other TCISD elementary campuses before the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Parents who choose to transfer their student will be responsible for their child's transportation to and from the new campus.

As a parent or guardian of a student attending a PEG designated campus, you also have the option to request a transfer of your student to a campus in another school district for the 2021-2022 school year. You must contact the chosen school district to obtain a transfer application and you must apply in writing. This letter will provide adequate justification for the transfer request. The chosen school district is entitled to approve or deny the application for the student to attend school in that district but may not use criteria that discriminates on the basis of a student's race, ethnicity, academic achievement, athletic abilities, language proficiency, sex, or socioeconomic status. The home school district is not responsible for transportation costs to and from the chosen school.

It is **important to note** that student eligibility for transfer expires upon any of the following two conditions:

- Completion of all grades on the campus upon which eligibility was originally based (Grades K-5)
- Assignment of the student to a campus that is not on the PEG list as a result of redrawn attendance boundaries

More information is available in the PEG Frequently Asked Questions section of the Texas Education Agency web site at [https://tea.texas.gov/Student\\_Testing\\_and\\_Accountability/Accountability/State\\_Accountability/Performance\\_Reporting/Public\\_Education\\_Grant\\_%28PEG%29\\_FAQ](https://tea.texas.gov/Student_Testing_and_Accountability/Accountability/State_Accountability/Performance_Reporting/Public_Education_Grant_%28PEG%29_FAQ)

Sincerely,  
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