

**IMPORTANT  
ACCREDITATION  
INFORMATION**

April 13, 2023

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the Marlin Independent School District for 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020

The purpose of this letter is to also inform you that the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 accreditation statuses of the Marlin Independent School District has been changed to **Accredited-Probation**. The 2022-2023 accreditation status of the Marlin Independent School District is **Accredited**. Marlin ISD was initially assigned an accreditation status of *Not Accredited-Revoked* for the 2015-2016 school year pursuant to 19 Texas Administrative Code (Tex. Admin. Code) §97.1055(d)(1)(A) because the district received an academic accountability rating of Academically Unacceptable for 2011 and an academic accountability rating of Improvement Required for 2013, 2014, and 2015. 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-Probation** means that a district exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to revocation of the district's accreditation status.

The Marlin Independent School District has been assigned an **Accredited-Probation** status (2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020) due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's Academic Accountability Rating System. Specifically, the Marlin Independent School District was assigned an academic accountability rating of Academically Unacceptable for 2011 and an academic accountability rating of Improvement Required for 2013, 2014, and 2015. The district subsequently received an academic accountability rating of Improvement Required in 2016 and 2017 and an academic accountability rating of F in 2018 and 2019 and, consequently, was assigned an accreditation status of Not Accredited-Revoked for 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency: the hiring of a new superintendent in May 2020, the use High Quality Instructional Materials, and the board adoption of a strategic plan that includes four guiding statements focused on early childhood literacy, mathematics, college and career readiness, and co-curricular participation. The district also had to submit a Targeted Action Plan and Targeted Improvement Plan to the Texas Education Agency. 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 the Marlin Independent School District, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Dr. Darryl J. Henson at [dhenson@marlinisd.org](mailto:dhenson@marlinisd.org) or 254-883-3585.

Sincerely,



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