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Texas Education Agency Announces Changes to Accountability Rating System
Changes to TEA accountability ratings set to take place statewide across all schools

Southlake, TX - Carroll ISD is proud of its stellar Texas Education Association (TEA) accountability ratings and STAAR standardized testing scores, demonstrating once again Dragon excellence across all campuses. In the school year 2021-2022, all 11 campuses across CISD earned “A” ratings.

Now, the TEA is changing the way it measures success.

During the 85th legislation in 2017, the A-F accountability grading system was established. Since then, CISD has maintained an A rating for the years in which ratings were administered (the TEA declined to issue ratings in the school years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 due to a “Declared State of Disaster” due to covid). For the school year 2022-2023, however, TEA is updating their A-F accountability grading system. These new ratings will not be released until October or November.

In past years, the TEA has assigned accountability ratings based on a variety of factors, including test results and academic performance, as well as graduation rates. The new changes to how accountability ratings will be assessed have not yet been announced, but we do know the STAAR test has been redesigned.

Due to these changes, 2022 ratings and 2023 ratings will not be able to be compared side-by-side, as this would be the equivalent of comparing apples vs. oranges.

It is also possible, due to changes to the rating system, that a campus with an “A” rating in 2022 may improve in 2023, but may receive a “B” rating in 2023. It may appear as if the campus has not improved, when in reality it may have.

As a response, more than 80 districts statewide have joined a lawsuit against TEA.

Because CISD is always striving to inspire the utmost excellence in our students, teachers, and staff, the district is preparing for these changes. That will be a challenge for our educators, who are committed to

excellence and showcasing that excellence with the public. However, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lane Ledbetter has no doubts that CISD personnel will step up to the challenge.

“The new TEA Accountability ratings will ultimately help us showcase our commitment to student advancement and stellar standardized test scores that we take pride in at Carroll ISD,” said Dr. Ledbetter. “In education, just as in the outside world, change is often the only constant, and I have confidence that our staff and educators will tackle these new changes with excellence just as they do with everything else they set their minds to.”

As with any new system, CISD training will be provided to help staff and teachers navigate through changes to STAAR tests and the TEA grading system. Further information will be forthcoming as we receive it from TEA, and we look forward to keeping parents, teachers, staff, and the community informed of the implementation.