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Parents, Guardians, and Tiger Nation,

At the time of this writing, it is mid-July, and I can't help but look forward to another great school year at Tidehaven ISD. However, it would be a mistake to not look back at some of the great things that were accomplished last year. As a district, we continue to lead the area academically. Both of our elementary campuses are projected to receive "A" ratings, and our Junior High and High School are both projected to be high "B's". This is no small task, and it is truly a testament to our students, community, teachers, administrators, and school board's commitment to excellence in learning. This consistent high level of academic achievement in our district has not gone unnoticed. Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath recently nominated Markham Elementary to be a nationally recognized Blue-Ribbon school. In 2024 there were only 31 Blue Ribbon schools in the state out of over 9,000 possible candidates!

Not only are we recognized for our academics, but we are also known for our extracurricular activities - whether it be our athletic dominance, award winning band, state qualifying choir, or our excellent FFA program. We have all heard the saying, "Dynamite comes in small packages". Despite continually being one of the smallest districts by enrollment, we continue to perform at a very high level. This success is not only measured by the wins, but more importantly by how we conduct ourselves and represent our community.

I brag on us and say all of these things to get to this point. I once had a coach give advice that has stuck with me all of my life. He said, "The rearview mirror is smaller than the front windshield for a reason." We have established ourselves as an excellent school district, but we must not stay focused on the past. Instead, we must continually prepare ourselves for the current moment and the future. We cannot relax on our values, beliefs, and expectations! We live in an era of misinformation through social media, the news, and artificial intelligence. We must trust and support each other as a community and continue to strive for excellence. Nothing warms my heart more than when we come together to support each other. When we are unified we are powerful. We see this all the time when we are competing. Nobody travels better than the TIDE! In 2025/2026 we will accomplish great things and experience great challenges as well, but we will do it all together as one - sticking to our values and beliefs as Tidehaven Tigers. ROLL TIDE!!!

Sincerely,

