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TO: COCISD Parents and Families
FROM: Bryan T. Taulton, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
DATE: September 2025
RE: Lincoln Junior High School Academic Improvement TEA Turnaround Plan (TAP)

Important Information About Lincoln Junior High School

Dear COCISD Families,

We are writing to inform you about important developments regarding Lincoln Junior High School's academic performance and our comprehensive improvement plan.

State Accountability Requirements

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has required COCISD to submit a Turnaround Plan (TAP) for Lincoln Junior High School due to 4 consecutive years of underperforming on state accountability measures. This plan will be presented to our Board of Trustees for approval on **Monday, September 22nd**.

Lincoln Junior High Performance History

Lincoln Junior High has received the following state accountability ratings:

- 2018: 59 (F)
- 2019: 67 (D)
- 2023: 59 (F)
- 2024: 55 (F)
- 2025: 59 (F)

Note: A score of 70 (C) is required for a campus to be rated acceptable by TEA.

Our Goal for 2025-2026

Lincoln Junior High TEA A-F Rating Goal: 75 (C) or higher

We are confident this goal is achievable. Lincoln Junior High needs an eleven-point improvement from last year's score to reach an acceptable rating. Our district has demonstrated this level of improvement is possible:

- Coldspring Intermediate School improved by 11 points during 2024-2025
- Coldspring-Oakhurst High School achieved a 19-point improvement during 2023-2024

Our Leadership Structure

We have established a clear leadership framework to drive improvement:

- **Dr. Taulton (Superintendent):** Overseeing systemic change initiatives
- **Dr. Klammer (Assistant Superintendent/Principal Manager):** Providing daily operational leadership
- **Ms. Keel (Principal Apprentice):** Following a structured development pathway with comprehensive coaching

Areas of Focus

To achieve our goal, we will concentrate on:

- Improving mathematics achievement across all grade levels
- Strengthening Reading Language Arts performance
- Building upon existing strengths in 8th-grade Science and Social Studies

Why This Matters to Our Entire District

Under Texas Education Code, persistent underperformance triggers escalating state interventions designed to ensure student success. After consecutive years of unacceptable ratings, the commissioner may appoint a conservator to provide district oversight, which reduces local governance. Should a campus reach five consecutive years of unacceptable ratings, state law requires the commissioner to either appoint a board of managers or order campus closure.

Moving Forward Together

United, let us commit ourselves to supporting our students and the dedicated educators at Lincoln Junior High School. Success will require our entire community - students, families, staff, and community members - working together to implement meaningful change and provide our children with the excellent education they deserve.

The heart of COCISD's academic transformation happens in our classrooms. Building on the momentum and proven success we've achieved at CIS and COHS, let's extend that excellence to Lincoln Junior High. Meaningful systemic change takes time, dedication, and unwavering commitment from every team member. We want you to know that we'll be working alongside you every step of the way, fully committed to achieving the positive academic outcomes our students deserve.

We appreciate your continued support as we implement these important improvements at Lincoln Junior High School. If you have questions about this plan, please contact the district office. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bryan T. Taulton

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