



February 17, 2026

RE: Accreditation Status Change from TEA

Hitchcock ISD Families,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2025–2026 accreditation status of Hitchcock ISD is Accredited–Warned. 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–Warned means that a district exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to probation or revocation of the district’s accreditation status.

Hitchcock ISD has been assigned an Accredited–Warned status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state’s financial accountability rating system. Specifically, Hitchcock ISD was assigned a 2024 financial accountability rating of F–Substandard Achievement and a 2025 financial accountability rating of F–Substandard Achievement.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. Hitchcock ISD has developed and begun implementing a financial corrective action plan focused on restoring the district’s financial health and protecting classroom instruction. This plan includes close monitoring of expenditures, tighter budget controls, multi-year financial forecasting, and regular financial reports to the Board of Trustees. The district has also implemented a Reduction in Force and other cost-saving measures to align staffing and operations with available resources. In addition, Hitchcock ISD is working cooperatively with the TEA Division of Accreditation and Enforcement, responding to feedback, and adjusting practices as needed. These actions align with the district’s District Improvement Plan, which identifies financial stability and responsible stewardship of public funds as key priorities in support of student achievement.

Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the district are not addressed, the district may be assigned an accreditation status of Accredited–Probation or Not Accredited–Revoked. A Not Accredited–Revoked status means that the TEA no longer



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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–Warned status to Hitchcock ISD, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Rachel Morales, Secretary to the Board of Trustees & the Superintendent at [rmorales@hitchcockisd.org](mailto:rmorales@hitchcockisd.org) or by calling 409-316-6545.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Darryl J. Henson  
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