



March 24, 2015

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the BIG SPRING ISD

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2014-2015 accreditation status of the BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is **Accredited-Probation**. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to districts include Accredited, Accredited-Warning, 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 BIG SPRING ISD has been assigned an **Accredited-Probation** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM. Specifically, the BIG SPRING ISD was assigned a 2011 ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY RATING OF ACADEMICALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND A 2013 AND 2014 ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY RATING OF IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. BIG SPRING ISD STRIVES TO PROVIDE QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS. BOTH CAMPUS AND DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAMS MEET QUARTERLY TO MONITOR MULTIPLE DATA POINTS IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS TO DRIVE CHANGES DEEMED NECESSARY IN THE AREAS OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DISTRICT'S PLAN, SEE THE BSISD TARGETED IMPROVEMENT PLAN ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE. 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 BIG SPRING ISD, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact HEIDI WAGNER, DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.

SINCERELY,

CHRIS WIGINGTON, SUPERINTENDENT