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DRIPPING SPRINGS ISD RECEIVES STATE RATINGS

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs ISD and all five of its campuses “Met Standard” in accountability ratings released today (August 8) by the Texas Education Agency under a system that was introduced last year. Schools are either designated as “Met Standard” or “Improvement Required,” based on four factors: student achievement on State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) tests administered last spring, student progress (not applicable for high school), success in closing performance gaps, and post-secondary readiness. If any one or more of the targets are missed, the district or campus receives a rating of “Improvement Required.” Performance Index scores for DSISD and all five campuses significantly surpassed the minimum target score in all four categories.

Campuses had the possibility of earning “distinctions” that were based on a comparison with a group of similar schools (rather than being compared with all schools statewide). In order to earn a distinction, the school had to be ranked in the top quartile within that group of similar campuses.

TEA created a video explaining the rating system and how the four areas are evaluated; it is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbEgrdijuc8&feature=youtu.be>.

Dripping Springs High School earned five of six possible distinctions: Academic Achievement in Reading/ELA, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies, as well as Postsecondary Progress. Dripping Springs Elementary also earned one distinction (Academic Achievement in Reading/ELA).

A new element in this year’s rating system resulting from House Bill 5 (2013) required districts to develop a method for evaluating themselves as a whole and each individual campus, based on nine criteria: fine arts; wellness and physical education; community and parental involvement; 21st Century Workforce Development program; second language acquisition program; digital learning environment; dropout prevention strategies; educational programs for gifted and talented students; and the record of the district and campus regarding compliance with statutory reporting requirements.

Accountability reports for all district and schools statewide can be accessed at the TEA website: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/news_release.aspx?id=25769815103. For information on ratings for Dripping Springs ISD, see: www.dsisd.txed.net/ratings.

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