

**IMPORTANT
ACCREDITATION
INFORMATION**

Parents of Students and Property Owners of the Center Point Independent School District,

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the Center Point Independent School District

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2019-2020 accreditation status of the Center Point Independent School District 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.

The Center Point Independent School District has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's College, Career and Military Readiness ("CCMR") Accountability Rating System. Specifically, TEA found that the District failed to meet the integrity of data when it failed to code its 2018 graduates appropriately on the military enlistment indicators.

After receiving notice from TEA in November 2019, the District implemented a corrective action plan which immediately rectified the data integrity issues raised by TEA. Specifically, the District adopted a new form that expressly recorded a student's intent to enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces. Thereafter, CPISD reported only those students who, in addition to other existing criteria, completed a senior survey, demonstrated completed enlistment in the military, or who voluntarily provided a notarized written statement demonstrating an intent to enter active military service as approved by a military recruiter.

TEA has eliminated military enlistment data from CCMR accountability calculation until such data can be obtained directly from the U.S. Department of Defense. Consequently, public school districts are no longer required to report on military readiness for accountability.

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 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 the Center Point Independent School District, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Superintendent of Schools Cody Newcomb at Center Point Independent School District (830) 353-8100 or newcomb@cpisd.net.

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