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September 15, 2010

ACTION REQUIRED

TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Title I LEAs Identified in School Improvement in 2010-2011

Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, a Title I, Part A local education agency (LEA) that has not met AYP for two or more consecutive years in the same indicator (reading, mathematics, attendance rate, or graduation rate) is subject to LEA-level Title I School Improvement Requirements. Based on the 2010 LEA AYP Status released August 5, 2010, your LEA is subject to the LEA-level School Improvement Program (SIP) requirements for the stage listed on the SIP web site at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/ayp/2010/sip.html> during the 2010-2011 school year.

Unless the LEA submitted an appeal to the AYP data to the Texas Education Agency (TEA or Agency) by September 3, 2010, the LEA-level SIP requirements must be implemented immediately. In the instance that a LEA submitted an appeal by the deadline and the appeal is denied, the LEA must implement the SIP requirements immediately upon receipt of the decision on the appeal.

The Division of NCLB Program Coordination at the Agency provides technical assistance to LEAs identified LEA-level School Improvement status through two statewide initiatives funded by TEA and housed at two regional Education Service Centers (ESCs). The School Improvement Resource Center (SIRC) at Region 13 ESC serves in an advisory capacity to schools in need of improvement. SIRC is available to assist school personnel and LEA representatives upon request in developing an effective District Improvement Plan (DIP) and implementing the objectives within the plan. A representative from the SIRC office may be contacting school administrators to invite you to attend SIRC conferences designed to assist schools through the school improvement process. The Statewide School Support and Parental Involvement Initiative at Region 16 ESC offers cost-effective professional development opportunities for LEAs and campuses designated in School Improvement status. Additional assistance may also be available at your regional ESC.

The Agency and the LEA are required by NCLB statute to provide notice of this improvement status to your staff, parents, and community. This Agency notice requirement is met by the Agency by the public release of the AYP results on the Agency's web site on August 5, 2010. The LEA must notify parents of the LEA's improvement status and how the parent may become involved in improving the LEA, such as encouraging daily attendance or preventing tardiness, by **October 15, 2010**.

This LEA requirement may be met in several ways. The LEA may send a memo, flyer, or letter home with the students. The LEA may publish the information through a newsletter or on the LEA website. For your convenience, a sample parent notification letter may be found at the following link: <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/nclb/titleia/sip/2010-2011/sip-district.html>

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A copy of the notification to parents must be provided to the Agency at the same time it is provided to parents. Please submit documentation of parent notification to the following address:

Anita Villarreal
Director of Title I School Improvement
Texas Education Agency
Division of NCLB Program Coordination
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Guidance on the LEA-level improvement requirements of the Title I School Improvement Program is available on the NCLB website at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/nclb/titleia/sip/2010-2011/sip-district.html>.

If you have questions regarding the Title I School Improvement LEA requirements, please contact Ms. Becca Marsh in the Division of NCLB Program Coordination at nclbsip@tea.state.tx.us or via telephone at (512) 936-2256. You may also contact the Title I School Improvement Unit at (512) 463-9374, Option 3.

Sincerely,

Cory Green, Senior Director
Division of NCLB Program Coordination

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