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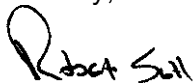
Dear Assistant Secretary Briggs,

Thank you for granting Texas the opportunity to submit a growth model proposal to incorporate into our Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) accountability system. Attached is our response to your letter of October 26, 2008, requesting additional information to determine how Texas' proposal meets the seven core principles.

Also attached is a slightly revised version of the original growth proposal that revises a few incorrect terms used in the October 15, 2008 proposal. The document responding to USDE's questions of October 26, 2008 describes in detail the few corrections made to the original proposal.

If you have any questions about this response, please contact Criss Cloudt, Associate Commissioner for Assessment, Accountability, and Data Quality, at 512-463-9701.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "R".

Robert Scott  
Commissioner of Education

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