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TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

Date: August 12, 2019

Subject: 2018 Charter School Performance Framework Report

The purpose of this letter is to provide charter schools with information regarding the 2018 Charter School Performance Frameworks (CSPF) reports for Subchapter D (open-enrollment) and E (university) charter schools.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is required by Texas Education Code (TEC) §12.1181(a) to develop and by rule adopt performance frameworks that establish standards by which to measure the performance of an open-enrollment charter school. The CSPF:

- provides information about each charter school's academic, financial, and operational performance;
- · allows charter schools to self-assess the overall health and viability of their school; and
- informs TEA's oversight efforts as well as decisions related to intervention, renewal, or revocation.

As required in 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §100.1010, a **CSPF manual** is available as a resource to describe the indicators, ratings, targets/standards, data sources, and other helpful information. The **CSPF report** provides district-level data that allows charter school leaders to view areas of strengths and weaknesses and to determine whether a charter school is meeting TEA's expectations or falling below them.

The 2018 CSPF reports were generated using performance criteria detailed in the 2018 CSPF manual. Subchapter D and E charter schools' CSPF reports are available through the Charter School Tracking System (CSTS), which can be accessed through the TEA Login (TEAL) application. The CSPF manual is attached for your review and will be available on the Charter School Division's website in the near future.

- If charter school leaders do not currently have access to CSTS through TEAL, they
 should submit an online request for access to the CSTS application by following the
 instructions on the TEA website at http://tea.texas.gov/index4.aspx?id=25769818165.
- Charter schools that need additional information about TEAL access should contact their Education Service Center (ESC) Charter School contact and/or may review the information available from the "help for request process" link on the <u>TEAL login page</u>.
- Once TEAL access has been established, the CSTS application can be accessed at https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/.

Until August 23, 2019, only charter superintendents will be able to access the CSPF report for their own school. Follow the steps below to view the 2018 CSPF report on CSTS:

- Log in to CSTS with your CHARTER APPROVER login;
- 2. From the menu items at the top of the screen, select REPORTS;
- 3. From the document list, select CSPF 2018.PDF.

Starting August 30, 2019, all Subchapter D and E charter school CSPF reports will be accessible by the public from the TEA website. To help stakeholders deepen their understanding of the indicators on the 2018 CSPF reports, please feel free to share the CSPF manual with your teachers, parents, community members, ESC staff, and other appropriate audiences.

Please note that the Charter School Performance Frameworks neither negate any ratings (including, but not limited to, state accountability, Charter Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas [FIRST], Accreditation, or Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System [PBMAS]) that a charter school or charter campus receives, nor remove the requirements associated with any sanctions or interventions required as a result of their ratings.

If you have questions pertaining to the 2018 Charter School Performance Framework report, please contact the Division of Charter School Administration by phone at (512) 463-9575 or by email at charterschools@tea.texas.gov.

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