January 17, 2017

To The Administrator Addressed:

SUBJECT: Student Success Initiative Certification

This letter serves as my certification that sufficient funds have been appropriated to support implementation of accelerated instruction programs for grades three through eight as well as for high school for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years as specified under Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0211 and §28.0217, the Student Success Initiative.

I considered the following factors in my certification:

(1) The average cost per student per assessment instrument administration
(2) The number of students that require accelerated instruction because the student failed to perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument
(3) Whether sufficient funds have been appropriated to provide support to students in grades three through 12 identified as being at risk of dropping out of school, as defined in Texas Education Code, §29.081(d)
(4) Whether sufficient funds have been appropriated to provide instructional materials that are aligned with the assessment instruments under Sections 39.023(a) and (c)

Sincerely,

Mike Morath
Commissioner of Education