



A Message from Commissioner Morath

TEA VISION
EVERY CHILD, PREPARED
FOR SUCCESS IN COLLEGE, A
CAREER, OR THE MILITARY.

My Fellow Texans,

During the past year, we have seen tremendous grit and determination from Texas students, families, and educators as we continue to emerge from the effects of the pandemic. That resolve has paid real dividends. While much work remains in mathematics, results from the last school year show that Texas students have largely reached pre-pandemic levels of proficiency in literacy, and Texas high school graduates are showing higher levels of career readiness.

The pandemic disrupted education throughout our country, but Texas fared better than most. According to results from the Nation's Report Card, Texas's rank improved in fourth and eighth grade reading and in eighth grade math, while Texas students continue to perform above the national average in fourth grade math. This was absolutely the result of tremendously hard-working Texas teachers. But it was also the result of statewide policymaking efforts that focused on meeting the needs of all students. Texas prioritized in-person instruction, best practices in reading, tutoring to accelerate learning, curricular rigor, and clear, accessible student performance information.



Accountability
HB 22 (85R) and
SB 1365 (87R)



Assessment
HB 3906 (86R)



**In-Person
Instruction**
EO GA-34



Curricular Rigor
HB 1525 (87R)



**Reading
Academies**
HB 3 (86R)



Tutoring
HB 4545 (87R)

There are key strengths in Texas education worth celebrating, but there are also challenges. We must join together to overcome these challenges for every Texas child to ensure our state is a national leader in preparing students for postsecondary success. The work is not easy, but we are blessed to have dedicated teachers all across the state who put the needs of students first. Together, we will continue to help students maximize their potential, so they graduate prepared for lives of purpose and productivity.

Yours in Service,

Mike Morath
Commissioner, Texas Education Agency