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A MESSAGE FROM **Commissioner Morath**

My Fellow Texans,

As we reflect on the 2023-24 school year, we can take pride in the progress toward growing opportunities for all Texas students. Schools across Texas have been expanding Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and increasing access to high-quality instructional materials statewide. School systems have been working to increase support for teachers as well, with more than 25,000 teachers now designated under the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) and tens of thousands more likely to be designated in the coming year.

While these achievements are worth celebrating, significant challenges remain. Academic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic continues to demand our focus, particularly in mathematics, where performance has yet to return to pre-pandemic levels. Addressing these setbacks requires ongoing targeted support and resources to improve student success. At the same time, we must continue to strengthen supports for our teachers, improve retention, and elevate the teaching profession across the state.

Despite the obstacles we face, our accomplishments fuel optimism for the future of public education in Texas. It's our unwavering commitment to overcome barriers and ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed that drives us forward.

Yours in Service,

Mike Morath
Texas Education Commissioner