

MCLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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IMPORTANT
ACCREDITATION
INFORMATION

TO: McLean ISD Parents and Guardians

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the MCLEAN ISD

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2019-2020 accreditation status of the MCLEAN ISD is **Accredited-Warned**. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to districts include Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked. A status of **Accredited-Warned** means that a district exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to probation or revocation of the district's accreditation status.

The McLean ISD has been assigned an Accredited-Warned status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM. Specifically, the MCLEAN ISD was initially assigned an A Rating under the Academic Accountability Rating System for 2018-2019. The rating was changed from an A Rating to Accredited-Warned due to McLean ISD misrepresenting itself under the military enlistment data relating to the percentage of students coded as enlisting or intending to enlist was 30% or more. This percentage differs substantially from the state average of less than 4%.

The district is taking the following step to address the areas of identified deficiency. McLean ISD will no longer assume students are enlisting in the military without proper documentation from the military. Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the district are not addressed, the district may be assigned an accreditation status of Accredited-Probation or Not Accredited-Revoked. A Not Accredited-Revoked status means that the TEA no longer recognizes the district as a Texas public school. Districts with an accreditation status below Accredited also may be subject to additional accreditation sanctions as referenced in statute and rule.

For more information regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses to school districts, you may access the TEA website at http://www.tea.texas.gov/accredstatus. This website will provide you with background information as well as links to the Texas Education Code and current commissioner's rules related to accreditation.

If you have additional questions regarding the assignment of an **Accredited-Warned** status to the MCLEAN ISD, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Oscar Muniz @ 806-779-2671 x 1302, <u>oscar.muniz@region16.net</u>

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