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Commissioner

**ACTION  
REQUIRED**

November 17, 2006

TO THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Title III Districts Not Meeting Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) in  
2004-05 and 2005-06

Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, a Title III, Part A district that has not met one or more of the AMAOs for **two consecutive years** is subject to district-level Title III accountability interventions.

Based on your district's AMAO results included in the 2005 and 2006 Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS), *which indicate that your district did not meet one or more of the AMAOs for two consecutive years*, you are required to complete the following activities:

- 1) Provide written notification to all parents of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in the district of the district's failure to meet all of the Title III AMAOs for two consecutive years. As outlined in Section 3302 of Title III statute, the parental notification requirement must be implemented by **December 18, 2006**.
- 2) Develop and submit to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) a Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) that specifically addresses the factors that prevented the district from meeting the AMAO standards. Districts completing a CIP will use the CIP template, which can be accessed through the Division of Program Monitoring and Interventions at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/pmi/nclbmon/2007/cip.html>. The CIP addressing the AMAO standards not met must be submitted separately to the Division of NCLB Program Coordination. The CIP must be submitted electronically to the TEA at [nclb@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:nclb@tea.state.tx.us) by **February 9, 2007**.

The TEA is required to provide technical assistance to the districts that have not met AMAO standards for two consecutive years. Additionally, the TEA must develop, in consultation with the district:

- 1) Professional development strategies and activities that the district will use to meet AMAOs.
- 2) A plan to incorporate strategies and methodologies, based on scientifically-based research, to improve the specific program or method of instruction provided to LEP students.

As a first step in the development of a district CIP and addressing the AMAO standards that were not met, the TEA invites your district to participate in the 2007 Promoting Academic Success and Accountability (PASA) Superintendent's Leadership Symposium on January 9-10, 2007, in Austin, Texas. This special collaboration between the TEA and the Education Service Centers will highlight social, economic, and political systems that support the achievement of English Language Learners in Texas. Participants will be provided with successful models and tools to keep them up-to-date on services, resources, and community networks. For more detailed information on PASA, please visit the ESC Region 13 website at <http://www5.esc13.net/pasa/>. The TEA will be contacting you soon regarding further opportunities for technical assistance and professional development.

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Refer to your 2006 PBMAS report on the Accountability (ACCT) application of the Texas Education Agency Secure Environment (TEASE) website at <https://sequin.tea.state.tx.us/apps/logon.asp> for detailed information regarding your district's performance on the five AMAO indicators. The 2006 PBMAS Manual provides information about AMAO definitions and performance standards. This manual and a public version of your district's 2005 and 2006 PBMAS reports, which have been masked to protect student confidentiality, are available at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/pbm>.

The following documents are available on the Agency's NCLB web site at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/nclb/> under the Title III, Part A link to assist you in meeting Title III, Part A accountability requirements:

- Title III, Part A Accountability Requirements Chart in English and Spanish;
- Sample AMAO Parental Notification Letters in English and Spanish; and
- Instructions for the AMAO Parental Notification Letter.

If you have questions regarding Title III, Part A accountability requirements, contact Ms. Christina Villarreal in the Division of NCLB Program Coordination at [nclb@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:nclb@tea.state.tx.us) or via telephone at (512) 936-6290.

Sincerely,



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