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TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO ARE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS ATTENDING Dimmitt ISD:

Under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is required to determine if school districts and charter schools receiving ESEA Title III funds have met certain objectives for English language learners (ELLs), also referred to in current law as limited English proficient (LEP) students. These objectives are known as the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs). If the school district or charter school does not meet all AMAOs, it must fulfill specific requirements. One requirement is to notify you, as the parent of an English language learner, that the school district and/or charter school did not meet all AMAOs for measuring student achievement in the 2010-2011 school year.

On December 15, 2011, the TEA notified Dimmitt ISD that it did not meet one or more of its AMAOs for and that Dimmitt ISD would need to follow Title III accountability requirements. For the 2010-2011 school year, Title III-funded districts and charter schools needed to meet all of the following AMAOs:

- AMAO 1: LEP Student Progress (All LEP students, grades K-12);
- AMAO 2: LEP Student Attainment* (Students identified as LEP 1-4 years);
- AMAO 2: LEP Student Attainment* (Students identified as LEP 5 or more years); and
- AMAO 3: LEP Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

**LEP Student Attainment* refers to when the ELL student has attained full English proficiency, which is demonstrated by receiving an *Advanced High* composite rating on the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), which measures a student's overall level of English language proficiency and is administered yearly to ELLs in Texas public schools.

Dimmitt ISD did not meet the following AMAO(s):

- AMAO 1: LEP Student Progress (All LEP students, grades K-12);
- AMAO 3: LEP Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

If you would like more information about the Title III program or its accountability requirements, you may access information online by visiting the Title III section of the TEA's ELL web portal at www.elltx.org. Another way to get more information is to ask the contact person listed at the end of this letter to provide it for you.

Dimmitt ISD also is required to consult with parents when developing its local plans for the programs and activities that it plans to provide with Title III funds. If you are interested in becoming more involved in this process, please contact Sharron Bills at 647-3101.

This letter is provided to you as information only. You do not need to respond. If you have questions or need for us to provide you with copies of the material referred to on the Internet, please contact Sharron Bills at 647-3101.

Thank you,

Charles L. Miller
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Dimmitt ISD