

**IMPORTANT
ACCREDITATION
INFORMATION**

Dear Olfen ISD Community,

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the Olfen ISD

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2015-2016 accreditation status of the Olfen 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 Olfen 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 Olfen ISD was assigned a 2014 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING OF IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED AND A 2015 ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY RATING OF IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. A new District/Campus Improvement Plan has been approved and is currently being implemented alongside of a Targeted Improvement Plan overseen by a state approved Professional Service Provider. 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 Olfen ISD, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Olfen ISD's Superintendent, Mr. Gabriel Zamora at 325-442-4301 or email at gabriel.zamora@olfenisd.net.

RESPECTFULLY,



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