



OLFEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardian:

In 1995 the Texas Legislature created the Public Education Grant (PEG) program (TEC Sec. 29.201 – 12.205). This program permits parents of a student enrolled in a school on the PEG list to request that their student transfer to a school in another district or to a school within the district that is not on the PEG list. Campuses with passing rates on **STAAR®** that are less than or equal to 50% in any two of the preceding three years OR the school was rated *Improvement Required* in either 2014 or 2015. The Texas Education Agency released the list of PEG designated schools in December. Olfen Elementary School is on the PEG list due to an “Improvement Required” rating in 2014 & 2015.

The Improvement Required ratings from previous school years are a matter that is currently being addressed by our District/Campus Improvement Plan and with the assistance of a TEA approved PSP (Professional Service Provider). I am proud to inform you that Olfen ISD “Met Standard” in 2016 (my first year as superintendent), I have faith that our staff and students will continue to rise to the occasion now and in the future. Olfen ISD is a district that has improved dramatically in a short period of time, and with your support I know we will soon be the best school district in Runnels County.

As a parent or guardian of a student attending a PEG designated campus, you have the option to request a transfer of your student to a campus in another school district for the 2016-2017 school year. You must contact the chosen school district to obtain a transfer application and you must apply in writing. This letter will provide adequate justification for the transfer request. The chosen school district is entitled to accept or reject the application for the student to attend school in that district but may not use criteria that discriminate on the basis of a student’s race, ethnicity, academic achievement, athletic abilities, language proficient, sex, or socioeconomic status. The home school district is not responsible for transportation costs to and from the chosen school.

It is **important to note** that student eligibility for transfer expires upon any of the following three conditions:

- Completion of all grades on the campus upon which eligibility was originally based (9-12)
- Removal of the campus from the PEG list;
- Assignment of the student to a campus that is not on the PEG list as a result of redrawn attendance boundaries

More information is available in the PEG Frequently Asked Questions section of the Texas Education Agency web site at: http://tea.texas.gov/perfreport/peg_faq.html.aspx

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at, 325-442-4301.

Respectfully,

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