IMPORTANT ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

To the Property Owners of Dew ISD and Parents of Dew ISD Students

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the DEW ISD

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2025-2026 accreditation status of the DEW 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 DEW ISD has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM. Specifically, the DEW ISD was assigned A 2024 AND 2025 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING OF F-SUBSTANDARD ACHIEVEMENT.

The district has taken the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency:

- Dissolved one administrative position, seven professional teaching positions, and one auxiliary staff position.
- Cut all spending where possible.
- Developed and incorporated an energy saving plan incorporated with the long-range facility plan which will be funded through grants and a bond passed in 2025.

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 DEW ISD, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact KENT REYNOLDS AT 903-389-2828 OR kent.reynolds@dewisd.org.

**NOTE – This warning is based on financial data from Sept. of 2022 to Aug. of 2024. Corrective action plans have been in effect since the summer of 2024. Dew ISD will have a greatly improved and passing Financial Accountability Rating in the Fall of 2026 and will be Fully Accredited. This letter fulfills a requirement of TEA to notify Dew ISD property owners and parents of issues from two years ago and before which led to this current financial rating.*