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

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to identify Local Education Agencies (LEAs, commonly known as school districts) not meeting academic achievement 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). For each LEA that receives Title III funding for English language acquisition programs, there are certain requirements if the LEA does not meet all of the AMAOs. One requirement is that the LEA must notify you, as the parent of an English language learner, that the LEA did not meet all AMAOs for the 2010-2011 school year.

On December 15, 2011, the TEA notified Abilene ISD that it did not meet one of its AMAOs for 2010-2011 and that Abilene ISD would need to follow Title III accountability requirements. For the 2010-2011 school year, the AMAOs included four indicators:

- 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 English language learner has become proficient in English; this is demonstrated when the student receives a composite rating of *Advanced High* on the state assessment used each year to evaluate the student's English language proficiency.

Abilene ISD did not meet the following AMAO: AMAO 3: LEP Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

If you like, you may access more information about Title III accountability requirements on the internet. Simply visit the TEA's web site for the Division of NCLB Program Coordination at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4475&menu_id=798. However, if you do not have internet access, you may call the contact person listed at the end of this letter and this information will be provided to you.

Section 3116 of Title III statute requires that Abilene ISD consult with parents when developing its local plans for the programs and activities that Abilene ISD plans to implement with Title III funds. If you are interested in becoming more involved in this process, please contact Jeffrey M. Brokovich, Executive Director of Federal Programs at 325-794-3866.

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 Jeffrey M. Brokovich, Executive Director of Federal Programs at 325-794-3866.