



# CHRISTA MCAULIFFE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) requires school districts to notify parents of the requirements of the Public Education Grant (PEG) Program authorized under Texas Education Code, Chapter 29, Subchapter G. Under PEG, TEA identifies campuses with passing rates on STAAR that are less than or equal to 50 percent in any two of the preceding three years or were rated as *Improvement Required* in 2012-2013 or Formerly Improvement Required in 2013-2014, under the new state accountability system. TEA has placed Christa McAuliffe Middle School on a list of PEG schools because of passing rates on STAAR for Social Studies.

As a result, the staff at Christa McAuliffe Middle School has developed a Targeted Improvement Plan that we believe will help us meet the needs of every student in social studies, as well as other areas where we feel we have room to improve student performance. Christa McAuliffe Middle School was able to maintain their scores in both reading and math. The 2015-16 Targeted Improvement Plan continues to be updated to meet the needs of all students. Christa McAuliffe did meet all targets on state accountability indices and is ranked as an acceptable campus according to the state for the 2016-17 school year.

As the parent or guardian of a student attending a campus identified for school improvement status, you have the option to request a transfer of your child to another district or campus for the 2016-2017 school year. If you apply for transfer to a neighboring school district or campus, the district or campus chosen is entitled to *accept or reject* the application for the student to attend school but may not use criteria that discriminate on the basis of a student's race, ethnicity, academic achievement, athletic abilities, language proficiency, sex, or socioeconomic status. If the application is accepted, the school district chosen may not charge the student tuition. The home school district does not have to pay for transportation charges to and from the 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 (6-8);
- 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.

Under the PEG program, a student can continue to be eligible for transfer until he/she completes all grades at the campus to which the transfer was approved. The student would then return to his or her home campus. To request information about a transfer to another school district or to another Southwest ISD campus, please contact Mrs. Patty Escobedo, at (210) 622-4330.

If you have questions concerning this letter or need us to provide you with more information, please contact me at (210) 623-6260.

Sincerely,  
Janie Gomez, Principal  
McAuliffe Middle School