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Subject: TEA Accountability Ratings Update

Dear Runge ISD Families,

We want to provide you with important context regarding the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) school accountability ratings, which are being released tomorrow. These ratings are based on data from the 2022-2023 school year and are being published two years later due to ongoing litigation involving how the state calculates accountability scores.

In 2023, TEA revised its rating system, including how student growth and college/career readiness were measured. These changes were released after the 2023 school year ended, which meant that campuses were evaluated using new metrics they weren't aware of or able to respond to in real time. As a result, the ratings being released do not reflect the progress Runge ISD has made in the last two years.

According to these delayed ratings:

- Runge ISD received an overall rating of F
- Runge High School received a 60
- Runge Elementary received a 50

Although the results are difficult to see in print, these scores reflect the challenges we faced during that time. What matters now is how we responded — and Runge ISD responded with urgency and purpose.

Since that time, we have:

- Developed a strategic improvement plan aligned to the new accountability system
- Adopted a new curriculum rooted in high-quality instructional materials that align with the TEKS
- Focused on student growth and teacher development as the foundation for long-term success



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- Partnered with Region 3 academic specialists who support our teachers twice weekly in math and reading
- Participated in ongoing leadership development to better support instruction
- Applied for and received numerous grants to fund resources, technology, and academic interventions

We are also proud to share that Runge Elementary officially met Comprehensive Progress last year, a federal designation that recognizes schools making significant academic improvement. This confirms that our students are growing and that our instructional strategies are working.

These ratings are part of our past — not a reflection of who we are today. Runge ISD is moving forward with a clear focus on growth, strong teaching, and student success.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about the ratings or the progress we're making, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Educationally Yours,

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