



# RAMIREZ COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## IMPORTANT ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

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Dear Ramirez CSD Parents:

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the Ramirez Common School District

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2013-2014 accreditation status of the Ramirez Common School District 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 Ramirez Common School District has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's Academic Accountability Rating System. Specifically, the Ramirez Common School District was assigned Accredited-Warned status due to its 2012-2013 Improvement Required Accountability Rating and 2012-2013 FIRST Rating Substandard Achievement.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency: increased instructional time, strategic professional development for teachers, supplemental instructional materials, increasing rigor of instruction, small group student instructional intervention, and external professional guidance. 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.state.tx.us/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 Ramirez Common School District, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Superintendent Lydia Leal at 361-539-4343.

Respectfully,

Lydia Leal, Superintendent  
RAMIREZ CSD