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TEA Releases Statewide School Ratings, SMCISD Meets New Standard

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San Marcos, TX –August 8, 2013 –The San Marcos CISD met standard on the newly developed Texas Education Agency (TEA) accountability ratings system for 2013. This is the first year that the state is using its new, performance index-based approach to academic accountability. In this transition year, the 2013 ratings apply one of two labels to districts and campuses: “Met Standard” or “Improvement Required” to label performance. SMCISD met standard on all four indexes which include: student achievement, student progress, closing performance gaps, and postsecondary readiness.

To receive a “Met Standard” rating, the district and high school campus had to meet targets in four applicable indexes. SMCISD elementary and middle schools were required to meet targets on the first three of these four indexes.

“We are extremely proud of our students and staff on the overall performance of this initial assessment,” stated Superintendent Mark E. Eads. “I thank everyone for their hard work and commitment as we rise to higher levels of performance.”

All SMCISD campuses met standard on Index 1: Student Achievement. This index takes a look at performance across all subjects and all student groups the satisfactory performance standard. Additionally, Goodnight Middle School, Miller Middle School, Crockett Elementary School, and Hernandez Elementary School all earned a **Distinction Designation for Academic Achievement in Reading/ELA**.

Only one school in SMCISD fell short of meeting standard on Index 2: Student Progress. De Zavala Elementary was two points away from meeting standard on the new Student Progress index which looks at scores of 10 student groups, including ethnic groups and special education students for reading, writing and math scores categorized as having met or exceeded progress standards. De Zavala, when ranked alongside other elementary school comparison groups, was two points shy of meeting the new index target. Consequently, De Zavala will receive the “Improvement Required”

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designation for 2013. Crockett Elementary School earned a second Distinction Designation for ranking in the **Top 25 Percent for Student Progress**.

All campuses in SMCISD met the target on Index 3: Closing Performance Gap which includes scores of students who are economically disadvantaged and the campuses' or District's two lowest performing ethnic groups from the previous year's assessments. SMCISD continues to make strides in closing performance gaps among groups of students.

San Marcos High School was the only SMCISD campus rated in Index 4: Postsecondary Readiness which examines graduation rates and rates of students graduating on Recommended and Distinguished/Advanced plans. SMHS exceeded the target and met standard on all 4 indexes. Performance on graduation rates continues to be solid for SMHS students.

TEA has said that 2013 will be a transitional year. This means that the accountability system will again undergo changes before 2014, in part due to legislative changes that will introduce a letter-grade rating system for districts in the future.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Accountability, Dr. Howell Wright said, "This initial assessment of our district and campus performance gives us a baseline for continued improvement toward our goals for providing a 21st century education for the students of SMCISD."

To review individual campus and district ratings on each index, visit <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/>

For further information about the new Texas Education Agency accountability reports, please see the Performance Reporting Division web site at: <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2013/index.html>

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