

# Pasadena Independent School District

Dear Parents and Community Members,

I want to inform you of our State's new Accountability System. In 2015, the Texas Legislature required that a new state public school accountability system assign A-F letter grades to districts and campuses be put into place beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. Ratings will be given in five domains and one overall grade.

On December 1, 2016, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) released a list of indicators for use in the new five domain system which heavily relies on STAAR performance for a portion of our student population. We will learn more about how the indicators are calculated into letter grades on Friday, December 16, 2017, with the provisional reports released in January of 2017.

The provisional reports will not include everything that is required by the new accountability system. These reports represent a draft of the final accountability system for the 2017-2018 school year. The data used to calculate these ratings is from the 2015-2016 school year. Data from the previous year is being used to calculate ratings for an accountability system which is incomplete. Development of the final 2018 accountability system continues until the spring of 2018 and may include significant changes from what is released in January of 2017.

Regardless of the system in place, Pasadena ISD continues to provide the best education possible for all of our students. Our teachers and campus administrators work hard to foster innovative learning environments for our students in all classrooms every day. I am proud of our accomplishments and all the programs we provide each student in Pasadena ISD. However, I want to inform you of the upcoming accountability changes, the new A-F system, and its limited and confusing development.

I honestly feel that this system does not provide an accurate reflection of what is happening daily to help your child reach their full potential in academics, extracurricular activities, citizenship and college and career readiness. As always, Pasadena ISD strives for continuous improvement in all areas. Thank you for your patience and continued support as we learn this new accountability system together.



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