



**IMPORTANT
ACCREDITATION
INFORMATION**

Dear Parents, Students and Property Owners:

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the Texas Preparatory School.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2009-2010 accreditation status of the Texas Preparatory School is **Accredited-Probation**. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to districts include Accredited, Accredited-Warning, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked. A status of **Accredited-Probation** means that a charter district exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to revocation of the district's accreditation status.

The Texas Preparatory School has been assigned an **Accredited-Probation** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's academic accountability rating system. Specifically, the Texas Preparatory School was assigned a 2006, 2007, and 2008 district-level academic rating of Academically Unacceptable, as well as a 2009 Charter School Financial Accountability Review rating of Substandard.

The charter district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. The school has identified a learning system and additional support systems to meet the needs of each child and enhance learning. The implementation of this pedagogical change along with our school improvement plan, we hope will continue to yield improved student learning and test results. The current balance sheet for the school is in the black. Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the district are not addressed, the charter district may be assigned an accreditation status of **Not Accredited-Revoked**. A Not Accredited-Revoked status means that that TEA no longer recognizes the charter 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 districts, you may access the TEA website at <http://ritter.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-Probation** status to the Texas Preparatory School or if you would like additional information about the charter's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Mr. Mark A. Terry at 512-805-3000.

Sincerely,

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