

**IMPORTANT
ACCREDITATION
INFORMATION**

Dear Citizens of Mullin ISD

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the Mullin ISD

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2009-2010 accreditation status of the Mullin ISD 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 district exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to revocation of the district's accreditation status.

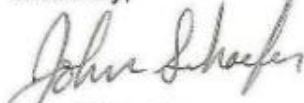
The Mullin ISD has been assigned an **Accredited-Probation** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's Financial Accountability Rating System. Specifically, the Mullin ISD was assigned a Substandard Rating for 2007, a Substandard Rating for 2008, and a Substandard Rating for 2009.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. Reduction of spending to create a fund balance, reduction in staffing, increase student enrollment and attendance rate, create a business office guidelines and procedures manual, and contracting Region 12 Education Service Center as our financial overseer. Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the district are not addressed, the district may be assigned an accreditation status of **Not Accredited-Revoked**. A Not Accredited-Revoked status means that 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://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 Mullin ISD, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact John Schaefer at 325-985-3316 or email at johnschaefer@mullinisd.net.

Sincerely,



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