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Mr. Matias Segura, Superintendent  
Ms. Lynn Boswell, Board President  
Austin Independent School District  
4000 S IH 35 Frontage Rd.  
Austin, Texas 78704

**Re: Potential Statutory Actions Required Due to Campus Performance Ratings**

Dear Superintendent Segura and Board President Boswell:

The purpose of this correspondence is to notify the Austin Independent School District ("ISD" or "district") that, with the release of the preliminary accountability ratings for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years on August 15, 2025,<sup>1</sup> roughly one-third of the district's 123 campuses earned a D or F rating in 2025. Of those 41 campuses, 23 earned an F. Additionally, the district now has 26 campuses that have earned unacceptable ratings for consecutive years, including three campuses that have reached a fourth consecutive year and an additional 12 that have reached a third consecutive year. The data reflects that the district's current approach is not working and urgent transformational change is necessary to improve outcomes for all Austin ISD students.

**Year 4 Campuses**

By earning an F rating for both the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years, three district campuses have now reached their fourth consecutive year of receiving unacceptable academic accountability ratings. These campuses are Burnet Middle School (CDCN: 227-901-046), Webb Middle School (CDCN: 227-901-053), and Dobie Middle School (CDCN: 227-901-055). None of these campuses have earned an acceptable academic accountability rating since the 2017-18

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<sup>1</sup> The issuance of ratings for the 2023-24 school year has been considerably delayed due to litigation. In 2024, a group of districts sued the Texas Education Agency ("TEA" or "agency") to prevent the release of academic accountability ratings for the 2023-24 school year. After TEA appealed the trial court's issuance of an injunction preventing the release of 2024 ratings, the Fifteenth Court of Appeals overturned the trial court and permitted the release of 2024 ratings in a July 3, 2025 judicial ruling. Unlike accountability results in 2023 and 2024, both of which were delayed due to litigation, 2025 preliminary A-F ratings were timely released on the dates announced in the 2025 Accountability Manual and required by state law.

school year. Over two full cycles of students have gone through these schools since the last time they met academic standards.

The campuses' ratings for the last ten years are as follows:<sup>2</sup>

Campus	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Burnet MS	F	F	F	Not Rated - SB 1365	Not Rated - Disaster	Not Rated - Disaster	F	MS	IR	IR
Webb MS	F	F	F	Not Rated - SB 1365	Not Rated - Disaster	Not Rated - Disaster	F	MS	MS	MS
Dobie MS	F	F	F	Not Rated - SB 1365	Not Rated - Disaster	Not Rated - Disaster	F	MS	MS	IR

Under current Texas law, once any campus in a district earns five consecutive years of unacceptable academic accountability ratings, the district triggers Texas Education Code (“TEC”) §39A.111, which states:

CONTINUED UNACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE RATING. If a campus is considered to have an unacceptable performance rating for five consecutive school years, the commissioner, subject to Section 39A.112, shall order:

- (1) appointment of a board of managers to govern the school district as provided by Section 39A.202; or
- (2) closure of the campus.

Commissioner action under this section of the TEC is compulsory; the commissioner does not have discretion whether to act under this provision. Thus, if Burnet Middle School, Webb Middle School, or Dobie Middle School receives an F rating for the 2025-26 school year, I will be required to order either the appointment of a board of managers or campus closure.

### **Year 3 and Year 2 Campuses**

The district has an additional 12 campuses that have now earned three consecutive unacceptable ratings and 11 campuses that have earned two consecutive unacceptable ratings. The performance history for those campuses is outlined below:

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<sup>2</sup> The state’s A-F accountability rating system was implemented in 2019, in which an “F” rating is included in the definition of “unacceptable academic rating.” Prior to 2019, an “Improvement Required” (or “IR”) rating was deemed unacceptable, while a “Met Standard” (or “MS”) rating was considered acceptable. Campuses were issued ratings of *Not Rated* in 2020 as schools were closed the last several months of the 2019-20 school year. In 2021, campuses could earn an acceptable rating if performance improved but were otherwise issued a rating of *Not Rated*. In 2022, to align with Senate Bill 1365, districts and campuses received an A, B or C rating or were assigned a label of *Not Rated: Senate Bill 1365*. Under Texas law, a *Not Rated* rating does not break the chain of unacceptable accountability ratings for purposes of TEC §39A.111.

Campus Name	CDCN	Consecutive Unacceptable Rating Count	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Martin Middle	227901051	3	F	F	F	C	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	F
Bedichek Middle	227901054	3	F	F	F	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	D
Paredes Middle	227901061	3	F	F	F	NR-SB 1365	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	D
Dawson EI	227901114	3	F	F	F	C	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	B
Oak Springs EI	227901125	3	F	F	F	NR-SB 1365	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	B
Sanchez EI	227901127	3	F	F	F	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	C
Pecan Springs EI	227901129	3	F	F	F	NR-SB 1365	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	D
Barrington EI	227901149	3	F	F	D	NR-SB 1365	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	F
Wooldridge EI	227901152	3	F	F	F	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	B
Winn Montessori	227901157	3	F	F	F	NR-SB 1365	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	C
Linder EI	227901160	3	F	F	F	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	C
Widen EI	227901175	3	F	F	F	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	B
Sadler Means YWLA	227901065	2	D	F	F	C	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	F
Brown EI	227901109	2	F	F	D	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	C
Govalle EI	227901116	2	F	F	D	NR-SB 1365	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	C
Wooten EI	227901144	2	F	D	F	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	B
Norman-Sims EI	227901150	2	D	F	F	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	B
Houston EI	227901162	2	F	D	F	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	C
Hart EI	227901163	2	F	F	C	A	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	B
Pickle EI	227901164	2	F	F	D	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	C
Jordan EI	227901178	2	F	F	D	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	C
Padron EI	227901188	2	D	F	F	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	B
Overton EI	227901189	2	F	D	F	B	NR-Disaster	NR-Disaster	B

While this letter addresses campuses that meet the criteria for turnaround plan requirements due to consecutive unacceptable ratings, please be aware that 15 other campuses within your district have earned a D rating in the 2024–25 school year. The Division of School Improvement has sent correspondence to your district regarding interventions for these campuses.

Per TEC §39A.101, if a campus has been identified as unacceptable for two consecutive school years, the commissioner shall order the campus to prepare and submit a campus turnaround plan. Additionally, per TEC §39A.106, a campus turnaround plan must take effect no later than the school year following the third consecutive unacceptable rating.

Accordingly, of the schools listed in the chart above, the following campuses are required to develop and submit a turnaround plan by **November 14, 2025**, and **begin implementation of the plan as soon as it is approved**:

- Martin Middle
- Bedichek Middle
- Paredes Middle
- Dawson EI
- Oak Springs EI
- Sanchez EI
- Pecan Springs EI
- Barrington EI
- Wooldridge EI
- Winn Montessori
- Linder EI
- Widen EI

Additionally, the following campuses are hereby ordered to develop and submit a turnaround plan by **November 14, 2025**:

- Sadler Means YWLA
- Brown EI
- Govalle EI
- Wooten EI
- Norman-Sims EI
- Houston EI
- Hart EI
- Pickle EI
- Jordan EI
- Padron EI
- Overton EI

### **Next Steps and Additional Support**

The 2024 and 2025 ratings are currently preliminary and subject to appeal. To that end, the district may file an appeal of the preliminary academic accountability ratings assigned to the campuses. Appeals are expected to be resolved between November 2025 and January 2026, at which time the district will be notified of the final rating assigned to each campus.

A staff member from the Division of School Improvement will reach out to schedule a consultation call to discuss your turnaround plan requirements. We encourage you to work with your regional education service center (ESC) for technical assistance, resources, guidance, and training. Additional information regarding intervention requirements and resources is located on the Division of School Improvement [webpage](#). If you have any questions about the requirements set forth herein, please contact [SIDivision@tea.texas.gov](mailto:SIDivision@tea.texas.gov).

Furthermore, please be advised that TEC §39A.102(b-1) obligates me to appoint a conservator to the district to ensure the district supports its low-performing campuses and implements the district's turnaround plans, but the law allows for discretion regarding the necessity of such an appointment. Given this, I will engage in a thorough review and analysis of the district's

performance and will notify the district of my decision with regard to a conservator appointment in future correspondence.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this letter, the agency reserves the right to implement all available interventions and sanctions under TEC, Chapters 39, 39A, and 19 TAC Chapter 97, to address the current, or any future, deficiencies identified for the campuses and district. Additionally, as a reminder, the district remains obligated under Texas law to implement the campuses' previously submitted and approved turnaround plans, per TEC §39A.110(b).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Morath', with a stylized, flowing script.

Mike Morath  
Commissioner of Education

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