



Calvert Independent School District

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**IMPORTANT
ACCREDITATION
INFORMATION**

Dear Parents and Community,

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the CALVERT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2018-2019 accreditation status of the CALVERT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is **Accredited-Warned**. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to districts include Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked. A status of **Accredited-Warned** means that a district exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to probation or revocation of the district's accreditation status.

The CALVERT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's academic accountability rating system. Specifically, the CALVERT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT was assigned an academic accountability rating of *Improvement Requirement* for 2017 and 2018.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. The district with coordination from Region 6 Education Service Center – School Improvement Lead (Mrs. Tamra Walker), TEA – School Improvement Specialist (Mr. Steve Kane) and a School Improvement Professional (Mr. Herman Lee) have developed two extensive plans to improve student learning and academic achievement (Targeted Improvement Plan and Turnaround Plan). Teachers are participating in ongoing professional development to focus on content-specific instruction to meet student needs: 1). Levels of Questioning - Rigor 2). Vertical Alignment 3). Student-Centered Learning via use of manipulatives, graphic organizers, anchor charts. The district is currently evaluating its curriculum and teacher resources to determine if they are effective in providing the support for student instruction. As of to date, the district has purchased TExGuide as a planning resource to supplement the TEKS Resources System curriculum. The campus leadership has changed the master schedule to allow time for elementary grade levels Pre-K-5 to plan instruction, create interventions, develop assessments, discuss vertical alignment needs and review data within the school day. Ongoing training and support from Region VI ESC utilizing Writer's Workshop (mini lessons on the writing process and conferencing with students) and Phonemic Awareness (basic reading strategies) for the early grade levels. The district has implemented data talks with teachers to ensure that academic well being of all students are addressed in a timely manner. The data talks are leading to more efficient and effective planning, intensive and directed teaching and immediate teacher – student interventions. The campus are taking steps to increase the accuracy of reporting data to the state and

improving systems for taking attendance and discipline data at the campus level. The district also implementing incentive programs to encourage positive behavior and increase student engagement within the classrooms.

Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the district are not addressed, the district may be assigned an accreditation status of **Accredited-Probation** or **Not Accredited-Revoked**. A Not Accredited-Revoked status means that the 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://www.tea.texas.gov/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-Warned** status to the CALVERT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact DR. THYRUN HURST by email at thurst@calvertisd.com or call 979.364.2824

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