

Bynum Independent School District

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Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the Bynum Independent School District

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2008-2009 accreditation status of the Bynum Independent School District 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 Bynum 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, Bynum ISD was assigned a 2006, 2007 and 2008 Financial Accountability Rating of Substandard Achievement using data from 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency:

1. submitted and received approval of a corrective action plan with TEA
2. currently working with Region 12 ESC for corrective measures for each of the indicators cited
3. consulting with our auditor

At this time, Bynum ISD has had a clean audit for 2007-2008 school year with a positive fund balance and has been able to deposit some monies into a savings account called TexPool.

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 Bynum ISD, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Brenda Speer, Superintendent at 254-623-4251 or email at bspeer@bynumisd.net.

Sincerely,

Brenda Speer
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