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Fort Bend Independent School District

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Fort Bend ISD Meets Federal Standards for Adequate Yearly Progress

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) 2008-2009 preliminary results were released by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) on August 6 and Fort Bend ISD met the federal standards. The number of individual schools meeting AYP for all student groups under the Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation was 62 out of 64 eligible to receive the rating. FBISD has 2 campuses that received no rating because they are new campuses. TEA will release final 2009 AYP results later this year after any district appeals have been reviewed (mid-December).

“Once again the district met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and our staff and students are to be congratulated for their hard work. I am pleased that 97 percent of our campuses met AYP and that we have reduced the number of campuses that did not meet AYP from four to two. We will continue to set high expectations for our students to ensure that every school meets or exceeds the NCLB standards,” said Dr. Timothy Jenney, Superintendent.

This year the standards that all student groups are expected to meet or exceed to achieve their AYP goals are as follows: in the area of mathematics, 58 percent of the students must be proficient — an eight percent increase over last year; and in the area of Reading/Language Arts, 67 percent of the students must be proficient — a seven percent increase over last year. The participation standard is a 95 percent average over two years for both, or not more than five percent of students not present on test day.

Ninety-eight percent of FBISD students in third through eighth-grade and tenth-grade took the required tests.

All student subgroups, defined by 50 or more students in that group within the school, had to meet those requirements in order to achieve AYP. Subgroups include African-American, Hispanic, White, Economically Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient (LEP), Special Education, and the school's student population as a whole. Across the state, districts could have as many as 30 targets to meet in order to achieve AYP. All AYP targets were met in FBISD on the district level.

No Child Left Behind is an all or nothing proposition. Schools missing the target by even one group of students did not make AYP. The attached chart profiles campuses in FBISD by their AYP status.

The district is especially pleased that Missouri City Middle School and Willowridge High School both met the AYP standards this year. Both schools have failed to meet AYP in previous years and have been under federal sanctions as a result.

"Our entire staff and the students at Willowridge High School worked extremely hard to accomplish this goal. We are very excited and expect even more academic success during the new school year," said Dr. Joe Coleman, principal of Willowridge High School.

Trevor Lemon, principal of Missouri City Middle School, said, "Our faculty and staff are extremely pleased about this year's results, and we are confident that we will continue to move forward to ensure the academic success of each of our students."

Both Fort Bend ISD campuses that did not make AYP are rated as "Academically Acceptable" at the state level. At this time, FBISD is appealing the rating for Christa McAuliffe Middle School and investigating whether the rating for Goodman Elementary might require an appeal as well. Despite being displaced from the building for several months following Hurricane Ike, McAuliffe missed AYP by a narrow margin in only one indicator.

"It's gratifying to see our students, teachers, and administrators rise to meet the challenges placed before them. We continue to see positive achievement trends as we

work together to help all of our young people succeed,” said Dr. John Frossard, Chief Academic Officer.

NCLB, signed into law by President Bush in 2002, provides an overall system for improving student achievement. The NCLB Federal Accountability System, while similar to the state system, also includes the additional student groups of Special Education and Limited English Proficient student groups.

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2009 FORT BEND ISD SUMMARY of ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP)

For the Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Legislation

Elementary Schools Rating

Armstrong	Not Evaluated – New Campus
Austin Parkway	Met AYP
Barrington Place	Met AYP
Blue Ridge	Met AYP
Brazos Bend	Met AYP
Briargate	Met AYP
Burton	Met AYP
Colony Bend	Met AYP
Colony Meadows	Met AYP
Commonwealth	Met AYP
Cornerstone	Met AYP
Drabek	Met AYP
Dulles	Met AYP
Fleming	Met AYP
Glover	Met AYP
Goodman	Did Not Meet AYP
Highlands	Met AYP
Holley	Met AYP
Hunters Glen	Met AYP
Jones	Met AYP
Jordan	Met AYP
Lakeview	Met AYP

Elementary Schools Rating

Lantern Lane	Met AYP
Lexington Creek	Met AYP
Meadows	Met AYP
Mission Bend	Met AYP
Mission Glen	Met AYP
Mission West	Met AYP
Oakland	Met AYP
Oyster Creek	Met AYP
Palmer	Met AYP
Parks	Met AYP
Pecan Grove	Met AYP
Quail Valley	Met AYP
Ridgegate	Met AYP
Ridgemont	Met AYP
Scanlan Oaks	Met AYP
Schiff	Not Evaluated – New Campus
Settlers Way	Met AYP
Sienna Crossing	Met AYP
Sugar Mill	Met AYP
Townewest	Met AYP
Walker Station	Met AYP

Middle Schools Rating

Baines	Met AYP
Crockett	Met AYP
Dulles	Met AYP
First Colony	Met AYP
Fort Settlement	Met AYP
Garcia	Met AYP
Hodges Bend	Met AYP
Lake Olympia	Met AYP
McAuliffe	Did Not Meet AYP*
Missouri City	Met AYP
Quail Valley	Met AYP
Sartartia	Met AYP
Sugar Land	Met AYP

High Schools Rating

Austin	Met AYP
Bush	Met AYP
Clements	Met AYP
Dulles	Met AYP
Elkins	Met AYP
Hightower	Met AYP
Kempner	Met AYP
Marshall	Met AYP
Travis	Met AYP
Willowridge	Met AYP

District Rating

Fort Bend ISD	Met AYP
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* Under Appeal



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