

February 24, 2023

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

The Texas Education Agency published the Public Education Grant (PEG) Program list for 2023-24 on August 15, 2022. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has identified Willowridge High School as a PEG campus. Students who currently attend or will be enrolled at Willowridge High School (WHS) have the choice of attending an alternate campus for the 2023-2024 school year or may remain a student at WHS.

Included on the state's PEG list this year are campuses that received an overall scaled score of less than 60 for the 2022 accountability year. WHS was identified as PEG because we received a "Not Rated SB 1365 rating with an overall campus rating of a 59.

Our goal is that WHS will not be identified on the PEG list in the future. We have worked with campus and district leaders to develop a very comprehensive instructional plan for all of our students. Through this robust plan, we are working diligently to target deficiencies, close achievement gaps, and improve overall student achievement. The two key areas that we are addressing using the Effective Schools Framework are Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning and Lever 5: Effective Instruction.

Under the PEG inter-district transfer provision, the parent of a student enrolled at any identified PEG campus may complete an application to transfer to a non-PEG campus. Parents will have a choice to request a transfer to Marshall High School, Crawford High School (incoming 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders only), or Kempner High School for the 2023-2024 school year. Please know that transportation is not provided to the new campus and would be the sole responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

If students choose to transfer to another campus due to PEG reasons, they are eligible to participate in UIL. Please review UIL guidelines related to PEG transfers at <a href="https://www.uiltexas.org/files/policy/SIDE-BY-SIDE\_2022-23.pdf">https://www.uiltexas.org/files/policy/SIDE-BY-SIDE\_2022-23.pdf</a>.

PEG Transfer applications are available for pick-up from the Willowridge High School and McAuliffe Middle School front offices beginning <u>January 9, 2023</u>. Completed transfer applications may also be sent directly to the Department of Student Affairs at <u>StudentTransfers@fortbendisd.com</u>.

Please feel free to contact me at (281)-634-2450 if you have further questions. The faculty and staff are committed to continued student success and ensuring a quality education for all students at our campus.

Sincerely,

Dr. Roberts, Principal