

Sunray ISD
Curriculum, Federal and Special Programs, DTC
Human Resources Director
Pat Armstrong

Date: September 14, 2015
To: Board of Trustees and Superintendent
From: Pat Armstrong
Re: August, 2015 Report

- 1. Title I and State Compensatory Education** – We started the year with 169 students who qualified for this program. This number drives our funding for Title 1 and SCE. Ms. Jones and Mrs. Brooks are working hard to go through the applications and enter the information to our system.
- 2. Migrant ID&R** – Laura Loya (our bilingual recruiter) and I attended the ID&R refresher on August 3, 2015.
- 3. New Teacher Orientation** – We met with our new staff members on August 13, 2015.
- 4. TETN** – Implementation of New Assessment System – On August 28, the counselors, Mrs. Hund, and I viewed the TETN on the award of the 2015-19 student assessment contracts. On May 18, 2015, the Texas Education Agency announced its intent to award the various components of the 2015–2019 contract for student assessment services to two separate contractors. Educational Testing Service (ETS) was awarded the Program Integration and State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) components of the contract. The Program Integration component includes coordinating all activities associated with the student assessment program. The STAAR component incorporates all testing activities related to the general STAAR grades 3–8 and end-of-course (EOC) assessments as well as STAAR Spanish, STAAR L, and STAAR A assessments. Pearson was awarded the STAAR Alternate 2, Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), and Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) components of the contract. As a result of the awards, beginning in the 2015–2016 school year, there will be some changes to the processes associated with the student assessment program as the contractors launch/update their test management and online testing platforms to meet the overall needs of the program.