

January 15, 2014

TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO ARE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS ATTENDING CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is required to determine if **school districts** and charter schools receiving ESEA Title III funds have met certain objectives for English language learners (ELLs), also referred to in current law as limited English proficient (LEP) students. These objectives are known as the **Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs)**. **If the school district** or charter school does not meet all AMAOs, it must fulfill specific requirements. **One requirement is to notify you**, as the parent of an English language learner, **that the school district** and/or charter school did not meet all AMAOs for measuring student achievement in the 2012-2013 school year.

On **December 17, 2013**, the TEA notified **Canutillo ISD** that it **did not meet AMAO # 3** (see below) and that Canutillo ISD would need to follow Title III accountability requirements. For the 2012-2013 school year, Title III-funded districts and charter schools needed to meet all of the following AMAOs:

- AMAO 1: ELL Progress (All LEP students, grades K-12);
- AMAO 2: ELL Attainment* (Students identified as LEP 1-4 years);
- AMAO 2: ELL Attainment* (Students identified as LEP 5 or more years); and
- **AMAO 3: ELL Accountability (System Safeguards)**.

***ELL Attainment** refers to when the ELL has attained full English proficiency, which is demonstrated by receiving an **Advanced High composite rating** on the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (**TELPAS**), which measures a student's overall level of English language proficiency and is administered yearly to ELLs in Texas public schools.

If you would like more information about the Title III program or its accountability requirements, please contact the person listed at the end of this letter or you may access information online by visiting the TEA's ELL web portal at **www.elltx.org**.

Canutillo ISD is also required to consult with parents when developing its local plans for the programs and activities that it plans to provide with Title III funds. If you are interested in becoming more involved in this process, please contact **Dr. Maritza Garcia at 915-877-7435, email mfgarcia@canutillo-isd.org**; or **Mary Ann Babenco at 915-877-7439 email mbabenco@canutillo-isd.org**.

This letter is provided to you as information only. You do not need to respond. If you have questions or need for us to provide you with copies of the material referred to on the Internet, please contact Dr. Maritza Garcia or Mary Ann Babenco as listed above.

Thank you for your valuable support and interest to better serve our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maritza F. Garcia

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