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Mr. Jeff Mulkey
Principal
Aubrey High School
510 Spring Hill Rd.
Aubrey, TX 76227

Dear Mr. Mulkey:

Congratulations! The Texas ACT Council is pleased to recognize current sophomores for their outstanding academic achievement. Based on the 2011-12 testing of ACT's PLAN (the Pre-ACT), ACT has identified 20 of your students as being on target to reach or exceed ACT's empirically-based College Readiness Benchmarks in all four academic areas measured: English, mathematics, reading and science. Students who meet all the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks by high school graduation are more likely to have a successful college freshman experience as well as a greater chance of achieving a college diploma. A brief explanation of ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks is enclosed.

In order for you to recognize your students for this accomplishment, we are providing two options:

Option 1: We will print and mail individual student certificates for use in awards activities. (A sample certificate is enclosed.) In order to accommodate your need for these certificates, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible in order for us to print and mail for delivery in time for awards activities you may be planning for your students. Please allow up to five days for us to receive your request, print, and mail the certificates.

Option 2: If you are unable to utilize the certificates and/or have other ways of recognizing students, please request that a list of recognized students be e-mailed to you.

Both options will include a sample press release for sharing this good news with your local media. Please respond by calling 512.320.1850 or e-mailing lorna.lowke@act.org at the ACT Southwest Region office.

It is important for your high-achieving sophomores being recognized to take advantage of their knowledge and proven achievement on PLAN by registering early in their junior year to take the ACT. Doing so will increase their opportunities to obtain significant college scholarships.

We would like to join the Texas ACT Council in recognizing this significant level achievement and to offer you the services of our consultants to share with your staff the College Readiness Benchmarks and ACT's College Readiness Standards (including their relevance to the Texas STAAR™ program) for making even more of your students ready for college or the workplace. Contact our office to schedule a time to meet.

Again, congratulations to the recognized students and to the teachers, parents, administrators and staff who helped make it happen.

Sincerely,

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