



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**TOPIC:** Focus Identification

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## **INFORMATIONAL REPORT:**

On October 1, 2015, TEA released the focus progress school list. Seven out of the eight schools identified as focus campuses have been identified as focus progress schools.

# Focus Identification

October 13, 2015

- 8 schools were identified as focus campuses during the 2013-2014 school year.

- LBJ Arndt
- SGMS Centeno
- AGMS Clark Elem
- LOMS Zaffirini

Focus schools are entering their final year of interventions based on their identification during the 2013-2014 school year.

- The criteria for focus school identification were: Rank-ordered Title I schools not identified as priority with the largest gaps in reading/math performance between all seven federal student groups and the Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) safeguard targets of 75%.

- On October 1, 2015, TEA released the list of focus progress schools. These are schools having improved in performance to the point they would no longer meet the original criteria for focus school identification. Focus progress schools will engage in the Texas Accountability Intervention System (TAIS) continuous improvement process, but are not required to participate in two focus school support services/events or in consultation services with their ESC (Region One).

- We are proud to announce that 7 schools are considered focus progress schools at this time.

LOMS

Arndt Elem

SGMS

Centeno Elem

AGMS

Clark Elem

Zaffirini

Please note that progress identified schools will not automatically exit from focus status, rather they meet eligibility for consideration at the end of this school year.

- **Exit Process-** As part of the Agency's ESEA waiver renewal process with USDE, TEA is working to finalize the 2015-2016 priority and focus exit criteria. TEA will communicate the final methodology as soon as possible (obtained from TEA letter dated 8-14-15).