



**IMPORTANT
MONITORING
INFORMATION**

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Dr. Jamie Wilson, Superintendent.
Denton Independent School District
1307 North Locust
Denton, TX 76201

Dear Dr. Wilson:

The Denton Independent School District was notified that the Texas Education Agency would conduct an on-site visit December 11-14, 2012. The Denton ISD was selected for participation in the 2012-2013 monitoring system at a stage 4 program compliance review for Residential Facility (RF) Monitoring. The purpose of the on-site visit was to complete a comprehensive evaluation of the effectiveness of the program for RF students and determine compliance with federal and state requirements.

The on-site review was conducted in accordance with the procedures in the *Residential Facility Monitoring Manual* posted on the Program Monitoring and Interventions website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/pmi>, and under the authority of Texas Education Code (TEC) §39.057 and 19 Texas Administrative Code §97.1072. Prior to the visit, TEA staff reviewed relevant data, including documents submitted by the LEA which included an RF monitoring student specific data collection spreadsheet, and a parent contact log of currently enrolled RF students. During the visit, agency staff evaluated program effectiveness and conducted individual interviews with district and RF personnel, classroom observations, document reviews, and student data reviews.

During the December 2012 on-site visit, the agency team reviewed students' eligibility folders and staff certification and highly-qualified credentials and other LEA documents, conducted student and classroom observations, and interviewed LEA and RF administrators and staff. Based on collection and review of data, the agency team determined that the systems and processes implemented during the LEA's history of operating under a corrective action plan and working under the guidance of a special purpose conservator, previously appointed to the LEA under the terms of the *Angel G.* consent decree, have continued. The LEA has sustained all corrections of the original findings of noncompliance and continues to meet all legal requirements in all 13 RF investigatory areas.

We wish to thank the LEA and campus administrators for the courtesy extended during the on-site review. If you have questions regarding the visit, or this letter, please contact Liz Cronen in the TEA Division of Program Monitoring and Interventions at (512) 463-5226 or by e-mail at

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liz.cronen@tea.state.tx.us. If you have additional questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Gaynel Roberts at gaynel.roberts@tea.state.tx.us. We appreciate your assistance in the implementation of the on-site review and your ongoing support of all students.

Sincerely,

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