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Via Email

July 23, 2019

Samantha Gallegos, Interim Superintendent
Ricardo Moreno, Board President
Harlandale Independent School District
102 Genevieve
San Antonio, Texas 78214

Dear Ms. Gallegos and Mr. Moreno:

In a Texas Education Agency (TEA or Agency) letter dated June 25, 2019, Harlandale Independent School District (district) was notified that, as a result of a Special Accreditation Investigation, the district's 2018-2019 accreditation status was being lowered to **Accredited-Warned**, and a board of managers and conservator were being appointed to the district. The June 25, 2019, letter provided the district with an opportunity to request a formal review related to the lowered accreditation status and the appointment of a board of managers, and an informal review related to the appointment of the conservator. On July 9, 2019, Harlandale ISD requested a formal and informal review.

Please be advised that a formal/informal review has been scheduled for **August 7, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.** The review will provide an opportunity for Harlandale ISD to provide oral and written information related to the appointment of a board of managers and conservator, and the assignment of the 2018-2019 **Accredited-Warned** accreditation status to the district. In the interest of efficiency, the Agency will conduct the formal and informal review in a single proceeding.

Should the district choose to appear at the review, it will be presided over by the Commissioner of Education. The district is not required to attend the review; however, if the district chooses not to attend, the review will proceed, and a final decision will be made based upon the documentation that was submitted by the district with its request for review.

The formal/informal review is scheduled to take place as follows:

Location:	William B. Travis Building 1701 North Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701 Room 2-195, 2 nd Floor
Date:	Wednesday, August 7, 2019
Time:	11:00 a.m.

Please note the following:

- The review will be scheduled not to exceed 60 minutes.
- Documentation for consideration will be limited to that which was previously submitted by the deadline for requesting a review. **No new documentation will be considered.**
- The scope of the review is limited to the appointment of the board of managers and conservator, and the assignment of the **Accredited-Warned** accreditation status to the district.
- No later than **July 29, 2019**, please notify the Agency of the district representatives who will attend the informal review. The notice should include names and roles of representatives and should note who will present information or engage in discussions and questioning during the review. It is requested that additional attendees be kept to a maximum of five. If attendees include members of a body covered by the Texas Open Meetings Act, they shall be less than a quorum of the body.
- The review is a closed proceeding and will not be open to the public or media.
- The district must notify the Division of Enforcement Coordination no later than **July 29, 2019**, if accommodations and/or equipment are needed and specify the type of accommodation and/or equipment needed, for example, the need for sign language interpreters, projector, laptop, etc.
- The review will not constitute a formal administrative hearing, and the Rules of Evidence will not apply to the review.

Responses, notices, and requests must be sent to:

Division of Enforcement Coordination
Texas Education Agency
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701
Fax: (512) 475-3665
EnforcementCoordination@tea.texas.gov

Additional information regarding the review process can be referenced at 19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 157 at the link available at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/index.html>.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Division of Enforcement Coordination by phone at (512) 936-1646 or via email at EnforcementCoordination@tea.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



Chris Cowan
Director, Enforcement & Support