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**IMPORTANT
ACCREDITATION
INFORMATION**

To all Stakeholders of the George Gervin Academy

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the GEORGE GERVIN ACADEMY

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2014-2015 accreditation status of the GEORGE GERVIN ACADEMY is **Accredited-Warned**. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to districts include Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked. A status of **Accredited-Warned** means that a district exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to probation or revocation of the district's accreditation status.

The GEORGE GERVIN ACADEMY has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2013-2014 AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013. Specifically, the GEORGE GERVIN YOUTH CENTER was assigned "A 2013 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING OF SUBSTANDARD ACHIEVEMENT AND A 2014 ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY RATING OF IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED. BOTH OF THESE AREAS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. GGA DEVELOPED A DATA MANAGEMENT TEAM WHO REVIEWS BOTH THE ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE SCHOOL. THE MAIN GOAL OF THE TEAM IS TO REVIEW INFORMATION AND ENSURE ITS INTRIGUITY AND/OR MAKE APPROPRIATE REVISIONS AS NEEDED. SINCE THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY RULES FOR 2015 ARE STILL PENDING IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHICH RULES WILL APPLY FOR THE 2015 SCHOOL YEAR. BUT GGA HAS DONE A PRELIMINARY CALCULATION BASED ON THE OLD RULES AND THE PROPOSED NEW RULES AND ARE CONFIDENT BOTH OF THESE MEASURES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED AND THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED. FOR 2015 Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the district are not addressed, the district may be assigned an accreditation status of **Accredited-Probation** or **Not Accredited-Revoked**. A Not Accredited-Revoked status means that the TEA no longer recognizes the district as a Texas public school. Districts with an accreditation status below Accredited also may be subject to additional accreditation sanctions as referenced in statute and rule.

For more information regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses to school districts, you may access the TEA website at <http://www.tea.texas.gov/accredstatus/>. This website will provide you with background information as well as links to the Texas Education Code and current commissioner's rules related to accreditation.

If you have additional questions regarding the assignment of an **Accredited-Warned** status to the GEORGE GERVIN ACADEMY or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact BARBARA HAWKINS AT (210) 804-1786; EMAIL BDHAWKINS@GERVIN-SCHOOL.ORG OR WRITE TO 6903 SUNBELT DR. S, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78218.

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE HERE TO SERVE AND ALSO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PUBLIC TRUST. THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING DURING THIS PERIOD. GGA HAS EVERY INTENT TO DELIVER A HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION TO YOUR CHILD.

THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT.

SINCERELY,

BARBARA HAWKINS
SUPERINTENDENT