



# MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Jan. 5, 2017

Dear CFISD community,

Under the current Texas Education Agency (TEA) school accountability system, all 88 CFISD campuses, along with the district, achieved the highest possible rating. We were the largest school district in the state to achieve this feat.

During the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session, lawmakers passed HB 2804, redesigning the accountability system to one in which each campus and district will receive one of five ratings from A through F. **This change will take effect in the spring of 2018.**

However, this Friday, Jan. 6, the TEA is releasing a model of the A-F ratings taken from 2015-2016 data, which indicates the grade each campus and district would have received for five different domains—Student Performance, Student Progress, Closing Performance Gaps, Postsecondary Readiness and Community and Student Engagement.

Criteria for this model is currently a work in progress and will almost certainly change next year, but I wanted to make you aware that the ratings are simply a model. All of our schools have *Met Standard*.

Please note that one of our [Community Leadership Committee](#)'s 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session Priorities is to "Use the school accountability ratings: *Exemplary, Recognized, Acceptable* and *Unacceptable*, and [eliminate A-F ratings](#)."

Although we do not agree with the new system and feel that it oversimplifies all the incredible achievements and programs at individual campuses, we will remain focused on our goal of providing the best possible education opportunities for *all* CFISD students.

Sincerely,

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