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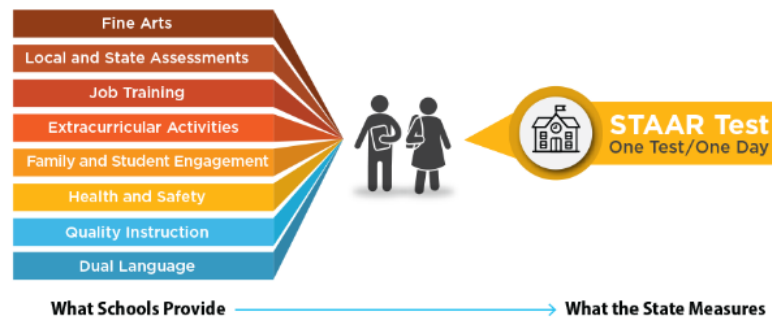
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On September 28, 2023, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) was scheduled to release A-F accountability scores for Texas school districts. Due to questions from both educational and political organizations, this date has been pushed back to sometime after October. Please see the following link for the TEA Press Release [TEA Press Release](#). These scores are based on STAAR 3rd-8th grade and high school STAAR End of Course exams administered in the Spring each school year. Though these scores do provide valuable information about our students' academic progress, these scores do not provide the overall picture of their performance. This test is a one-day per subject assessment and only one of the many ways we gauge how well students are learning. TEA assigns an A-F rating largely based on this single measure.



Through the dedicated work of our amazing staff, Hardin ISD was awarded a "B" rating last school year showing strong academic consistency overall for the district. Due to the redesign of the state assessment and how campuses and districts are scored for the 2023-2024 school year, TEA and our Region Service Center have shared that districts can anticipate a decline by one or two letter grades for the campuses and school district as a whole. Though the scores overall remained fairly consistent from the prior year, even with the test design change, a drop in score might indicate that we are declining. These scores do not reflect the great things that are happening at Hardin ISD leading students to success in all areas including Academics, Fine Arts, Athletics, CTE programs, Student Clubs and Organizations, and finding success in self management, friendships and confidence in their educational endeavors.

These scores do not reflect the commitment of our Hardin ISD School Board, Administration, Educators and Support Staff ensuring that our students have the tools and resources necessary to access high quality instructional materials and quality instruction. Due to the late changes and ongoing clarification of the new accountability system, there is limited data that can be adequately analyzed and utilized. Hardin ISD utilizes a variety of resources to align curriculum, prepare lessons, assess acquisition of skills and then use that data to guide further instruction. Scores do not determine the true worth of our students or teachers. We have made great strides in enhancing curriculum and instructional practices and take great pride in our accomplishments.

Hardin ISD will continue to focus on growing exceptional students, supporting our teachers and staff and enhancing the educational experience for all of our stakeholders. We celebrate the work our teachers do each day teaching and the great learning accomplished by our students. Thank you for your support and for sharing your child with Hardin ISD.