IMPORTANT ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

<APPROPRIATE SALUTATION>

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the <CHARTER SCHOOL NAME>

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2011-2012 accreditation status of the <CHARTER NAME> is **Accredited-Warned**. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to charter schools include Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked. A status of **Accredited-Warned** means that a charter school exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to probation or revocation of the charter school's accreditation status.

The <CHARTER NAME> has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the charter school in the state's <ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM AND/OR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM.> Specifically, the <CHARTER NAME> was assigned <DESCRIBE ACTUAL RATINGS ASSIGNED TO THE CHARTER, SUCH AS, "A 2010 ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY RATING OF ACADEMICALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND A 2011 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING OF SUBSTANDARD ACHIEVEMENT.">

The charter school is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. <INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS, ALONG WITH INFORMATION FROM ANY IMPROVEMENT PLANS CURRENTLY IN FORCE.> Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the charter school are not addressed, the charter school 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 charter school as a Texas public school. Charter schools 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 charter schools, you may access the TEA website at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/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 <CHARTER NAME>, or if you would like additional information about the charter's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact <CHARTER CONTACT NAME AND NUMBER/EMAIL ADDRESS>.

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