



THE **LAWSON ACADEMY**

**IMPORTANT
ACCREDITATION
INFORMATION**

Dear Academy Parent,

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to THE LAWSON ACADEMY

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2017-2018 accreditation status of THE LAWSON 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 LAWSON ACADEMY has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's academic accountability rating system and financial accountability rating system. Specifically, THE LAWSON ACADEMY was assigned financial accountability rating of *F-Substandard Achievement* for 2017 and an academic accountability rating of *Improvement Required* for 2016-2017.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency.

1. A campus turnaround plan is being implemented to address all academic deficiencies.
2. Unmodified audits will be continuously conducted and filed with TEA to ensure that all financial records are in good standing.

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 LAWSON ACADEMY, or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Cheryl Lawson, Superintendent, at (713) 741-3600 ex 101 or by email at clawson@walipp.org.

Sincerely,



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