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Dear YES Prep Southside Families:

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has released the **2016 Accountability Ratings** for all Texas public schools and districts. The TEA uses a state accountability system that assigns one of three academic ratings to each school and district: *Met Standard*, *Met Alternative Standard*, or *Improvement Required*. These ratings are based on a framework of four indices that combine a range of indicators into a comprehensive measure of academic performance.

I am writing to inform you that YES Prep Southside has been rated *Improvement Required* because we did not meet targets on Index 1, Index 2, and Index 4. Below is an explanation of the indices and a list of opportunities for you to ask questions and provide input and feedback. In addition, more information about the state accountability system can be found on the TEA’s website at <http://tea.texas.gov/2016accountability.aspx>.

Performance Index Framework: YES Prep Southside’s Rating Results

The performance index framework combines results from STAAR assessments, graduation rates, and other indicators. To receive *Met Standard*, a school must meet targets on three indices: Index 1 or 2, and Index 3 and Index 4. The following are YES Prep Southside’s results:

Performance Index	Index Score	Index Target	Index Met
Index 1: Student Achievement – provides a snapshot of performance across subjects	47	60	No
Index 2: Student Progress – measures year-to-year student improvement	19	30	No
Index 3: Closing Performance Gaps – emphasizes the academic achievement of economically disadvantaged students and the two lowest-performing racial/ethnic student groups	26	26	Yes
Index 4: Postsecondary Readiness – emphasizes the importance of earning a high school diploma that provides students with the foundation necessary for success in college, job training programs, the workforce, or the military	9	13	No



Public Meeting and Public Hearing: Your Questions, Input, and Feedback

The following meetings will be open to the public and held on campus:

- ❖ **October 11, 2016, 5:00 – 7:00 PM** – We will host a **public meeting** to review our accountability rating, answer your questions, and gather your input as we begin developing our targeted improvement plan that will be submitted to the TEA.
- ❖ **November 17, 2016, 6:00 – 9:00 PM** – We will present our targeted improvement plan during the Board of Directors meeting (a **public hearing**) to gather your feedback and the Board's approval. A video recording of the hearing will be available at www.yesprep.org.

YES Prep Southside is committed to building a consistently excellent school that prepares ALL students to graduate from college. I am confident that we will see drastic improvement in our students' performance this year in all four indices. **Our diverse team of teachers, interventionists, specialists, and administrators is committed to the academic success of each and every one of our students.** Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Antonio Castillo
School Director