

January, 2017

**RE: Public Education Grant (PEG) Program**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) requires school districts to notify parents of the requirements of the Public Education Grant (PEG) Program authorized under Texas Education Code, Chapter 29, Subchapter G. Under PEG, TEA identifies campuses rated as *Academically Unacceptable or Improvement Required*. TEA has placed Evant School on a list of PEG schools because EES was rated as *Improvement Required* under the State Accountability System for 2014-2015.

As a result, the staff at Evant Elementary and High School have developed comprehensive improvement plans that will help us meet the needs of every student in all content areas, as well as other areas where we have room to improve student performance. As stated in the TEA code, the campus must exceed the standards in any two of the preceding three years; Evant School will appear on the PEG list for at least the next year regardless of improvement while the state monitors our progress.

As the parent or guardian of a student attending a campus identified for school improvement status, you have the option to request a transfer of your child to a campus in another school district for the 2017-2018 school year. If you apply for transfer to a neighboring school district, the district chosen is entitled to *accept or reject* the application for the student to attend school in that district, but may not use criteria that discriminate on the basis of a student's race, ethnicity, academic achievement, athletic abilities, language proficiency, sex, or socioeconomic status. If the application is accepted, the school district chosen may not charge the student tuition. The home school district does not have to pay for transportation charge to and from the school.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE that student eligibility for transfer expires upon any of the following:

Completion of all grades on the campus upon which eligibility was originally based;

Removal of the campus from the PEG list;

Assignment of the student to a campus that is not on the PEG list as a result of redrawn attendance boundaries.

Under the PEG program, a student can continue to be eligible for transfer until he/she completes all grades at the campus to which the transfer was approved. The student would then return to his or her home district.

If you have questions concerning this letter or need more information, please contact our Superintendent, James L. Slone Jr. at 254.471.5536.

Sincerely,

James L. Slone Jr.

Superintendent Evant ISD