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## Office of Student Report Services

August 26, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

HB 657, which was passed into law on May 29, 2017, requires districts and Charter Schools to notify you of the following:

For students in grades 5 and 8, who do not perform satisfactorily on the first administration of the STAAR reading and/or math assessment, the ARD committee must meet before the second STAAR testing administration.

At this time, the ARD committee shall determine:

1. the manner in which the scholar will participate in an accelerated instruction program, including which testing objectives related to the IEP will be addressed; and
2. whether the scholar will be promoted or retained

At the ARD committee meeting, the committee may promote the scholar to the next grade level if the committee concludes that the scholar has made sufficient progress in the measurable annual goals contained in the scholar's individualized education program. A school district and Charter School that promotes a scholar under this option is not required to provide additional opportunity for the scholar to perform satisfactorily on the assessment instrument.

If you have any questions, please contact your campus principal.

Thank you,

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