



Dallas County  
JUVENILE DEPARTMENT  
Dallas County Juvenile Justice Charter School

*Building Successful Lives, Despite Life's Challenges*

Dear Parents and Community Members,

On August 1, 2008, the Texas Education Agency notified our district that the *Dallas County Juvenile Justice Campus* was among the campuses listed as first-year *Academically Unacceptable* for the 2007-2008 program year based upon the ratings in the following area: only 44% of African American students met the standard for TAKS. For Alternative Education Accountability (AEA) campuses, the standard for 2008 was set at 45%. For AEA campuses in 2009, the standard will increase to 50%.

Given the low performance identified for the campus and the requirements under Texas Education Code (TEC) §39.1322(b), the *Dallas County Juvenile Justice Campus* has put in place

1. A campus intervention team (CIT) to perform the duties reflected in TEC §39.1323 related to conducting a comprehensive, on-site evaluation and needs assessment, recommending actions, developing and executing a school improvement plan, and providing assistance in monitoring implementation of the improvement plan; and
2. The campus intervention team shall continue to work with the campus until the campus is rated academically acceptable for a two-year period, or the campus is rated academically acceptable for a one-year period and the commissioner determines that the campus is operating and will continue to operate in a manner that improves student achievement, as required by TEC §39.1323(e)(1)(A) and (B).

The Texas Education Code (TEC) §39.072(d) removes the performance data of students confined by court order in a residential treatment program or facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) from the district results for the district in which the TYC campus is located. House Bill (HB) 3092 enacted by the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature amended (TEC) §39.072(d) to include Texas Juvenile Probation Commission (TJPC) facilities. This statute ensures that district ratings are not affected by the performance data reported on TYC and TJPC campuses. However, TYC and TJPC campuses are rated on the data attributed to them. Because of this statute, the Dallas County Juvenile Justice Charter School district (DCJJCS) rating has been changed to *AEA: Not Rated – Other*. The *Dallas County Juvenile Justice Campus* rating remains as *Academically Unacceptable* (as of October 2008).

We will work diligently to assist the CIT and campus to work through initiatives to meet the challenges that are ahead of us this year. I know we will be able to continue to work to assist every child in our district to meet with success.

If you have questions regarding the school's rating or the initiatives that will be implement to address the area of academically unacceptable, please contact me at 214-698-4335.

Sincerely,

Byron Bolliger  
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Dallas County Juvenile Justice Campus