

Dear Uplift Hampton Primary Families,

The Texas Education Agency has released its 2014-2015 Accountability Ratings for all Texas public schools and Uplift Hampton Primary received the "Needs Improvement" rating. Below is an explanation of the rating breakdown and our plans to address the three areas in which we need to improve.

This rating is based on up to 4 performance indexes: 1) Student Achievement, 2) Student Progress, 3) Closing Performance Gaps, and 4) Postsecondary Readiness. This year, all schools must achieve "Met Standard" on index 1 or 2 plus 3 and 4 to earn an overall "Met Standard" rating.

The following is how Uplift Hampton Primary scored in each index and a short summary for our plan for improvement:

- Index 1: Student Achievement: Needs Improvement
  - This index is based on the level of STAAR satisfactory performance for all scholars across all tested subject areas.
  - Our Plan: 4<sup>th</sup> grade scholars from last year have been split into 4 sections of 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year. This reduces the number of scholars in each class and increases the amount of time the teacher has for individualized and differentiated instruction. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade team is currently receiving additional support from an Intervention Teacher's Aide that will assist in tutoring and small group instruction.
- Index 2: Student Progress: Met Standards
  - Measures the level at which scholars are making progress year-to-year.
- Index 3: Closing Performance Gaps: Needs Improvement
  - $\circ$   $\;$  This index tracks advanced academic achievement of our highest need scholars.
  - Our highest needs scholars (those that are years behind peers in grade level achievement) will participate in a reading intervention program called Reading Partners. In addition, all of our scholars in grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will be starting a computer-based math intervention program called ST Math to provide differentiated and tailored math intervention throughout the school week.
- Index 4: Postsecondary Readiness: Needs Improvement
  - This index is based on progress toward high school graduation and college readiness.
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I am confident that we will see significant improvement in our scholars' STAAR performance this year in all four indexes. Our team of teachers, interventionist, support staff, and administration is committed to the academic success of each and every one of our scholars. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the STAAR performance ratings from Uplift Hampton Preparatory Primary School. We invite our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade families to share in the support of scholars in math and reading from home. We welcome any and all ideas for additional support and encourage you to reach out to your scholars' teacher for ways to support from home.

Sincerely,

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