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Dr. Christopher M. Heskett, Superintendent

Dear Covington Parents and Community Members:

Recently, Commissioner Morath and TEA released accountability ratings for Texas school districts. Covington ISD received an overall grade of 76 and “Met Standard” in all domains. While we have much work to do, this score compares very well with schools our size in Hill County.

Covington ISD has a long standing tradition of excellence, along with many of our public schools across Hill County. Over the years, the Texas Education Agency, at the direction of the state legislature, has created several accountability systems in an attempt to quantify into a single score the great things happening in our schools. Due to the legislature’s vision for school ratings, their efforts have consistently placed a heavy emphasis on the results of a single test given one time over the course of a year. Although we are pleased that the hard work of our staff, students, parents, and community reflect well on the Texas Education Agency’s latest attempt to find a methodology that will serve the legislatures attempt to simplify the realities of public education into a single grade, it is not that grade that defines who we are as a district. I appreciate the agency’s efforts, led by Commissioner Morath, to consider input from around the state when developing the rules for A-F, but it is simply one piece of the pie, and does not take into consideration all of the educational experiences we work to provide our students. We prefer to evaluate ourselves using a holistic approach, considering not only the ever changing measure sent to us from Austin, but all experiences of our staff, parents, and students including community involvement, extra-curricular programs, co-curricular programs, food service offerings, and character development to name a few. Covington ISD is dedicated to providing learning opportunities for students and adults that encourage excellence in all we do. We are blessed with outstanding teachers and staff, involved and supportive parents, and hardworking students. Our philosophy requires that we provide the resources and flexibility our teaches need to perform at their highest level, while remaining focused on doing what is best for all students. I am blessed to be part of an amazing team, and we are looking forward to another great year at Covington ISD serving the children of those who serve our nation

Respectfully,

Dr. Christopher M. Heskett

Covington ISD Superintendent

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