



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the Trinity Environmental Academy

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2017-2018 accreditation status of the Trinity Environmental Academy is **Accredited-Warned**. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to charter schools include Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited Revoked. A status of **Accredited-Warned** means that a charter school exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to probation or revocation of the charter school's accreditation status.

The Trinity Environmental Academy has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the charter school in the state's Academic Accountability Rating System. Specifically, the Trinity Environmental Academy was assigned "An Academic Accountability Rating of Improvement Required for 2016 AND 2017."

The charter school is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency.

1. TriEA is participating in school improvement with the Texas Accountability Intervention System.
2. TriEA has developed a Target Improvement Plan and Campus Turnaround Plan along with its stakeholders, parents, community members and a Professional Service Provider.
3. TriEA is implementing a model of continuous improvement.

Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the charter school are not addressed, the charter school may be assigned an accreditation status of **Accredited-Probation** or **Not Accredited-Revoked**. A Not Accredited-Revoked status means that the TEA no longer recognizes the charter school as a Texas public school. Charter schools with an accreditation status below Accredited also may be subject to additional accreditation sanctions as referenced in statute and rule.

Furthermore, charters that fail to meet academic accountability, financial accountability or any combination thereof for three of the preceding school years meet the default closure provisions under Texas Education Code 12.115(c) and are subject to closure.

For more information regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses to charter schools, you may access the TEA website at <http://www.tea.texas.gov/accredstatus/>. This website will provide you with background information as well as links to the Texas Education Code and current commissioner's rules related to accreditation.

If you have additional questions regarding the assignment of an **Accredited-Warned** status to the TRINITY ENVIRONMENTAL ACADEMY, or if you would like additional information about the charter's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Michael Hooten, 972-920-6558, mhooten@tridea.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Hooten", written in a cursive style.

Michael Hooten
Superintendent