



August 15, 2018

Dear La Vernia,

The new Texas accountability system ratings were released publicly on August 15, 2018. This new system is often referred to as the “A-F accountability system.”

Ratings in this new system are issued as letter grades of A-F for districts and eventually for campuses. For 2018 accountability, only word ratings of either “Met Standard,” or “Improvement Required” (IR) are assigned to campuses. Campuses receiving the rating of Met Standard are eligible to receive Distinction Designations in recognition of outstanding performance in specifically measured areas as compared to a group of 40 campuses of similar type, size and student demographics.

La Vernia ISD received an overall letter rating of “B” reflecting a scaled score of 89 out of 100. All LVISD campuses received the Met Standard word rating, and two of the four campuses received Distinction Designations. La Vernia Intermediate received a Distinction Designation for Comparative Academic Growth by placing in the top 25% of the comparison school group. La Vernia Junior High received two separate Distinction Designations for placing within the top 25% of its comparison group in the areas of Comparative Academic Growth and Comparative Closing the Gaps.

Our high quality work is not easily measured by one test on one day. We have many points of pride in La Vernia ISD involving students and staff which are not part of the equation resulting in the overall performance rating. Students graduating in 2018 earned more than \$3.2 million dollars in scholarships. Our district continues to show an increase in participation and performance of not only advanced level courses (many of which earn college credit), but also in the continuing excellence of La Vernia students at the regional, state and national levels in extracurricular endeavors, including athletics, Fine Arts, FFA, CTE, etc. This is evident in the

beliefs of the LVISD team. La Vernia ISD is home to one of only seven educators in the nation awarded the National Federation of High Schools Speech and Debate Award and also home to the Teacher of the Year, selected by the San Antonio Area Association for Bilingual Education. Outstanding performance in all of these areas, while not entirely accounted for in the 2018 rating system, is evidence of the well-rounded education La Vernia ISD students receive everyday.

Dr. Toni Wood, Associate Superintendent of Academic Services, stated it this way, “While these ratings reflect performance based largely on one test, our focus is on continuous improvement. Together, with principals, campus leadership teams and teacher leaders, we will be reviewing these ratings and digging into the underlying data to understand the specific ratings assigned to each school. While we can use this data to positively impact student outcomes, we will never lose sight of the impact individualized student successes have on the whole child. We are chasing dreams - not scores!”

With the continued support of our community and our Board of Trustees, the LVISD team is committed to a common purpose to be innovative and responsive to the needs of our students. La Vernia Bear Pride runs deep in our community and will continue to thrive in all of our schools as we continue to write #OurStory.

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La Vernia Independent School District

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