

March 11, 2011

To Whom it May Concern:

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to Fort Worth Can! Academy Charter School

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2010-2011 accreditation status of the Fort Worth Can! Academy Charter School is **Accredited-Warned**. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to districts include Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked. A status of **Accredited-Warned** means that a charter district exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to probation or revocation of the district's accreditation status.

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The Fort Worth Can! Academy Charter School has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's academic accountability rating system. Specifically, the Fort Worth Can! Academy Charter School was assigned academic accountability ratings of Academically Unacceptable in 2009 and 2010. The 2009 and 2010 rating was assigned for drop out and completion rate. Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the district are not addressed, the charter district may be assigned an accreditation status of **Accredited-Probation** or **Not Accredited-Revoked**. A Not Accredited-Revoked status means that that TEA no longer recognizes the charter district as a Texas public school. Districts with an accreditation status below Accredited also may be subject to additional accreditation sanctions as referenced in statute and rule.

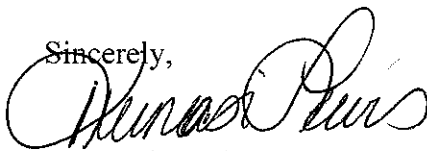
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provide a second
chance for at-risk
youth and their
families to achieve
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training.

The Fort Worth Can! Academy Charter School district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. Fort Worth Can! Academy has created and is implementing a comprehensive improvement plan to address the areas noted above. The school is adhering to low student to teacher and student to advisor ratios to better serve students. Drop out recovery efforts have been reformatted. Additional credit recovery courses have been added to the PLATO system to provide a larger selection of courses to be available for credit advancement. The tutorial program at Fort Worth Can! Academy continues to be a large factor in the increased performance of the entire school and will continue into the next school year.

For more information regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses to districts, you may access the TEA website at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/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 Fort Worth Can! Academy Charter School, or if you would like additional information about the charter's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Principal Ku-Masi Lewis at (817)531-3223.

Sincerely,



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