



To: ECI Academy Stakeholders

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to Education Center International Academy

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2024-2025 accreditation status of ECI 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.

ECI Academy has been assigned an Accredited-Warned status due to the ratings assigned to the charter school in the state's Financial Accountability Rating System. Specifically, ECI Academy was assigned a financial accountability rating of F-Substandard Achievement for 2023 and 2024

The charter school is taking the following steps to address the area's identified deficiency: Develop a realistic, student-based budget aligned to projected enrollment and funding sources to ensure fiscal accuracy and sustainability. Additionally, require monthly financial reporting to the board that includes a comparison of budgeted versus actual expenditures, detailed cash flow statements to monitor liquidity, and updated fund balance reports to support informed decision-making and maintain financial stability. Ensure all financial reports are submitted accurately and on time to maintain compliance and accountability.

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, charter schools 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 ECI Academy or if you would like additional information about the charter school's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Dr. Donna Townsend, Superintendent Education Center International Academy at [dtownsend@eciacharter.com](mailto:dtownsend@eciacharter.com).