

Trinidad School District #1 2007-2008 Accountability Report

Message from the Superintendent

The Trinidad School District #1 is very pleased to share this year's 2007-2008 District Accountability Report with our community (our taxpayers, our parents, our staff, and our students). The purpose of this report is to inform all of our district stakeholders with key pieces of information about our school district, as well as to provide a balanced summary of results and forward-looking goals. Our goals, also referred to as the District's Education Improvement Plan, have been developed jointly by the Board of Education and District Staff, resulting from extensive outreach with the community. They are also reflective of our new vision to *Continuously Raise the Bar* in our expectations of our staff, our students, and our supporting community.

Our goals are very simple and focused. They are centered on our clear #1 priority, **student achievement**, with supporting roles in 2) **developing leadership capacity** through improved communication and collaboration between and among school board members, administrators, teachers / staff, parents, students, and our community, and 3) **align and develop our resources** to meet District goals for student achievement (technology and information management, facilities master planning, food service, grants, community partnerships, budget, school calendar, and professional development).

The following is a brief summary of what we have accomplished this past year with some of the key *target actions* that will be completed over the upcoming year:

Student Achievement:

1. Improved CSAP scores, with **all** schools reported by the State as Average in Overall Academic Performance, and Typical in Academic Growth of Students. This is a marked improvement over last year, when two schools were reported as Decline in Academic Growth.
2. Hired a District Curriculum/Assessment Director.
3. Developed and currently implementing a new Standards-Based K-12 Math Curriculum.
4. K-12 Reading and Writing Curriculum is in progress, purchased new language arts textbooks matched to curriculum.
5. *Increasingly using ongoing student assessment data to gauge student progress and to adapt instruction and student coaching tailored to individual student needs.*
6. *Develop community-wide program engaging community, parents, and students regarding relevance and importance of skill development in math and science.*

Leadership:

1. Significantly improving Board / Superintendent relations with development of clear operating agreements and genuine mutual respect.

2. Designed new district web-site for more effective outreach to community, parents, students, staff, and other interested parties from outside community. *Plan to go live Jan./Feb. 09.*
3. Improving positive media coverage of district improvement efforts through broader coverage and articles written from the eyes of our students.
4. *Developing recognition program for "A Community Who Cares for Education," recognizing outstanding individual and group community efforts and partnerships to improve student achievement.*

Resource Management:

1. Received \$50K DOLA grant to *develop comprehensive Five-Year Facilities Master Plan.*
2. Work-in-progress to improve internet performance and connectivity with new wireless system and improvement to network infrastructure. *Will continue to further improve long-term vision and implementation plan for technology and information management.*
3. Received four-year \$520K multi-district Truancy grant.
4. *Develop school calendar that maximizes student achievement within budget constraints and legal requirements.*
5. *Continue to build relationship with TSJC to optimize use of District and TSJC resources to improve student achievement.*

As you can see, Trinidad School District #1 has been, and will continue to be very busy and very focused on our customer, the students of this community. We owe it to them and their respective futures to *Continuously Raise the Bar*. Hats off to our Board, our principals, our teachers, our support staff, our parents, and our community, who are all truly making a difference in improving the focus on our kids.

Happy Holidays,
Mike Tranter
Interim Superintendent

Detailed copies of the 2007/2008 District Accountability Report may be picked up at the Administration Building, any of the schools, or at the public library when school resumes on January 5.