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Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for Art + Design Families:

We are pleased to report that the Texas Education Agency has recognized Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for Art + Design with a "B" report card rating in its <u>2019 A-F Accountability Ratings</u>, with distinction in Social Studies. Our school's rating shows improvement over the prior year.

Districts, charters, and schools are given an overall rating based on performance in three areas:

- Student Achievement shows how much students know and are able to do at the end of the school
  year.
- School Progress shows how students perform over time and how that growth compares to similar schools.
- **Closing the Gaps** shows how well different groups of students within a school are performing.

For more information on the ratings system, visit https://tea.texas.gov/2019accountability.aspx.

As a school that strives for continuous improvement, we have a number of initiatives that will continue for the 2019-2020 school year to ensure that we not only sustain, but exceed, current levels of student achievement as measured by the state:

- Aligning student curriculum throughout all the classes
- Providing smaller class sizes in Math, English and Science
- Contracting with area core content coaches to support teachers
- Offering weekend learning support in testing areas

Our success is and continues to be measured on many different levels. We've had such growth and success in academics, art/design, theater, deeper STEM learning, and the continued development of a strong culture of respect and tolerance. Our entire school community -- students, parents, teachers, staff and community partners - can be proud of the strong support network we've built to help our students achieve at a high level.

It's going to be a fantastic school year. Thank you for choosing Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for Art + Design as your educational partner. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at jmontez@thealamedaschool.org.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent/Principal

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