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Adrian Bustillos, Superintendent
Alicia Sebastian, Board of Trustees President
San Antonio Independent School District
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Superintendent Bustillos and Board President Sebastian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform the San Antonio Independent School District (ISD or district) about the decision of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) related to the modification of the campus turnaround plans for Carvajal Elementary School (CDCN: 015-907-241) and Rhodes Middle School (CDCN: 015-907-055) and campus closure requests submitted by the district to TEA on April 1, 2026.

Carvajal Elementary and Rhodes Middle School Turnaround Plan Modifications

On August 7, 2026, TEA received from the district a modification request for both of the TEA-approved campus turnaround plans for Carvajal Elementary School and Rhodes Middle School. By this letter, TEA approves the modifications.

Campus Closure Requests¹

San Antonio ISD also submitted four campus closure requests to TEA for the 2026-27 school year. Every campus in the state of Texas is assigned a number (known as the county district campus number, or CDCN) to which all of the campus' accountability information is tied. Thus, when a district requests a campus closure, they are technically requesting that TEA close the campus' CDCN.

TEA has reviewed each campus closure request submitted by the district in accordance with TAC §97.1066, which has been in effect since May 7, 2023. When TEA reviews a campus closure request, there are three choices: approve the closure of the CDCN, deny the closure of the CDCN, or reassign the campus' CDCN to another campus.

Especially important in TEA's campus closure analysis is the current language of TAC §97.1066(i) that provides:

if the school district reassigns a majority of the students that attended a campus that was closed due to an academically unacceptable rating in the prior year to another campus in the district, the receiving campus may be assigned the CDCN of the closed campus and shall be subject to any sanction or intervention applicable to the closed campus if the commissioner determines that this is necessary to preserve the integrity of the accountability system.

¹ Under TAC §97.1066, the TEA has the authority to approve, deny, or reassign the CDCN for each closure request. The TEA generally approves the closure of a campus CDCN when the campus has an overall state academic rating of A-C, has zero enrollment for multiple years, or has not been rated for multiple years.

In other words, TEA can reassign the closing campus' CDCN to the receiving campus to follow a majority of the closing campus' students. If this happens, the receiving campus will inherit the closing campus' unacceptable rating consecutive-year count.

Campuses Approved for Closure

Regarding the district's specific closure requests, TEA has approved the CDCN closure for the following campus. The CDCN for this campus **will not** be reassigned to the campus that receives the majority of the closing campus' students; therefore, the district **will not** be responsible for intervention activities related to this CDCN.

- Davis Middle School (015-907-043)
- Rhodes Middle School (015-907-055)
- Tafolla Middle School (015-907-061)

CDCN Reassignments

When TEA reassigns a closing campus' CDCN, TEA must *deny* the district's requested CDCN closure in order to preserve that campus number to be reassigned. Once the number is reassigned to the receiving campus, the district can then request closure of the receiving campus' now-obsolete CDCN. This administrative process does not impact the physical closure of the campus or any district operations at the receiving campus, and this reassignment has no impact on the name or identity of the receiving campus.

Accordingly, TEA hereby denies the closure of the following campus CDCNs and will instead reassign the CDCNs as follows:²

Closed Campus	Closing Campus' 2026 UA Count	Receiving Campus ³	Receiving Campus' New 2026 UA Count
Carvajal Elementary	4	David Barkley/Francisco Ruiz Elementary	4

For purposes of clarity, students will attend and receive educational services at the receiving campus, and the district can continue its plan to close the Carvajal Elementary campus facility and use the receiving campus buildings as it has been planning. However, with the reassignment of the CDCN, the receiving campus will assume the rating history and any applicable interventions of the closed campus. Thus, each receiving campus will be responsible for implementing the TEA-approved turnaround plan during the 2026-27 school year.

For the receiving campus, the impact of the school's accountability ratings for the 2026-27 school year is as follows:

- If the receiving campus earns an overall **A, B, or C rating in 2027**, it will reset the multi-year unacceptable accountability history to zero, and no state accountability interventions would apply for the 2027-28 school year.
- If the receiving campus earns an overall **D rating in 2027**, the multi-year unacceptable history count will remain the same and carry over into the 2027-28 school year.
- If the receiving campus earns an overall **F rating in 2027**, the unacceptable count of the receiving campus will increase to 5, and applicable provisions of the Texas Education Code would apply.

² Under TAC §97.1066(i), the TEA has the authority to reassign the CDCN of an unacceptable campus to another campus if the campus receives a majority of students from the closing unacceptable campus.

³ San Antonio ISD has indicated to TEA that a majority of the students from the closing campus will be attending the campus in this column.

TEA staff will contact district staff to ensure that all administrative processes are in place to facilitate the reassignments described above. To confirm the district's understanding of the content of this letter, please review, sign, and return the attached attestation (Appendix A) by September 4, 2026, to Garrett Black in the Division of Governance Interventions at Garrett.Black@tea.texas.gov. Any questions regarding this correspondence may also be addressed to Mr. Black.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Lecholop". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" and last name "Lecholop" clearly distinguishable.

Steve Lecholop
Deputy Commissioner, Office of Governance

Appendix A

ATTESTATION OF SUPERINTENDENT BUSTILLOS REGARDING COUNTY DISTRICT CAMPUS NUMBER (CDCN) CLOSURE REQUESTS AND REASSIGNMENT DECISIONS

As Superintendent of San Antonio Independent School District (ISD), I attest that the information provided below is true and accurate.

- On August 20, 2026, San Antonio ISD was informed that the TEA denied the request to close the CDCN of Carvajal Elementary School and that the district must reassign the CDCN of Carvajal Elementary School to David Barkley/Francisco Ruiz Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year. With the reassignment of the CDCN, I acknowledge that the unacceptable academic rating history and associated intervention requirements will be transferred to the receiving campus facility.

As Superintendent of San Antonio ISD, I acknowledge the above statement and agree to implement the required interventions for Carvajal Elementary School at its new campus location.

I attest to my understanding that discovery of any statement constituting a material misrepresentation attested to may lead to potential and/or additional corrective actions or sanctions, including action under TEC, Chapter 39 and 39A, and 19 TAC, Part 7, Chapters §247 and §249 relating to the Educators' Code of Ethics and SBEC disciplinary proceedings.

The signed attestation will be retained by the LEA in accordance with Texas Government Code 552 for availability to the public and to future administrators.

Adrian Bustillos, Superintendent
San Antonio ISD

Date

Please submit the signed attestation to: Garrett.Black@tea.texas.gov no later than **September 4, 2026**.