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Texas Online Preparatory Elementary Campus Closure Notification

Dear Texas Online Preparatory Elementary (TOPS) Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Commissioner of Education's decision regarding the modified campus turnaround plan for Texas Online Preparatory Elementary (TOPS Elementary).

As allowed by law, the district submitted a modified turnaround plan on September 19, 2025, to address low performance on the STAAR assessment. After reviewing the plan, the Commissioner of Education determined that the plan did not reasonably ensure that the campus would meet all student performance standards under TEC §39.054(e) by the end of the 2025–2026 school year. Therefore, the modified turnaround plan was not approved. As a result of the Commissioner's decision, TOPS Elementary is required to close effective December 31, 2025.

We understand that this news may be disappointing and raise many questions. Please know that our top priority is supporting our students and families through this transition. Over the next few weeks, we will provide detailed information regarding:

- The steps we are taking to ensure a smooth and thoughtful campus closure process.
- Enrollment options available for your student beginning in January 2026.
- Resources to assist families during this transition.

To assist you in exploring future enrollment options, please review the following virtual school choices and related academic information:

Virtual School	Link for Enrollment	Acct. 22-23	Acct. 23-24	Acct. 24-25	% Met Standard on 3 rd Gr. RLA STAR	% Met Standard on 3 rd Gr. Math STAAR
Texas Virtual Academy at Hallsville (Stride K12 School)	https://applynow.k12.com/	D	B	B	51%	24%
Dallas Hybrid Preparatory at Stephen J. Hay	https://www.dallasisd.org/parents-students/enrollment-information	B	A	B	100%	43%

Great Hearts Online Texas	https://greatheartsschoolmint.net/welcomeback	C	C	C	92%	53%
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You can also explore additional school options in your area through the TxSchools.gov website. Follow these steps to locate high-performing schools near your home address:

1. Visit <https://txschools.gov>.
2. Select “**Schools**” from the main menu.
3. In the search bar, enter your **home address** or city.
4. Choose “**View Schools Nearby.**”
5. Review the school listings and use filters to view:
 - Overall Accountability Ratings (A–F)
 - STAAR performance levels
 - Student achievement and progress data

This tool allows you to compare performance across schools and make an informed choice that best meets your student’s needs.

We remain committed to keeping you informed every step of the way. Additional detailed updates will be shared later this week. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.

Sincerely,



Dr. Scott Sheppard
Superintendent



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