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**TISD CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT SCORES EXCELLENT REVIEW RATING
FROM TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Texarkana, TX – Texarkana Independent School District Child Nutrition’s Department has received an “Excellent Review Rating” from the Texas Department of Agriculture during a recent Coordinated Review Effort (CRE) audit which monitors school district’s compliance with the United States Department of Agriculture’s Child Nutrition Programs.

“TISD is pleased that our Child Nutrition Department has received this top rating from the Texas Department of Agriculture,” stated Ken Reese, Chief Operations Officer. “Our staff is clearly committed to safeguarding the health and well-being of our students. They exemplify the highest standards of caring and service by teaching children the relationship between proper eating and good health.”

The CRE audit evaluates school district’s compliance with state and federal regulations and focuses on Performance Standards that include critical and general review thresholds district-wide.

Critical areas of review include: lunches claimed for reimbursement served to eligible children; record keeping and reporting of those lunches through an appropriate system which consistently yields correct claims; food components of reimbursed meals meeting required program regulations for nutrient standards and minimum portions; and appropriate food production records, nutrient analysis and menu planning completed with accurate records.

Some areas of general review include: implementation of Free & Reduced price policy statement; complete and sufficient food production records; child nutrition labels and product analysis; after school snack program; wellness programs; student/parent involvement; health inspections; and civil rights training.

“Providing healthy meals to our students is a coordinated effort with the Texas Department of Agriculture,” continued Reese. “Our Child Nutrition personnel are able to succeed in their work through the support and collaboration of parents, the school board, superintendent, administration, teachers and support staff.”

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