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TISD ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY TEA RATINGS

Texarkana, TX – TISD is proud to announce the preliminary results of student performance for the 2009 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) testing for all subject areas.

“Our preliminary academic results finish off one of the best years in TISD’s history and goes hand in hand with the \$12.2 million in scholarships offered to graduating seniors for academic and athletic achievement,” commented James Henry Russell, Superintendent of Schools. “We are so proud of the hard work that our Tiger Family of students, staff and parents has accomplished during the 2008-09 school year and with the most recent passage of our strategic plan during the July Board of Trustees meeting, I anticipate even greater achievements during 2009-10.”

Campus projected ratings show TISD having three elementary campuses at the Exemplary status. They are: Highland Park Elementary, Morriss Elementary and Nash Elementary. All remaining elementary campuses attained student performance at the Recognized level. Those are: Dunbar Elementary, Spring Lake Park Elementary, Theron Jones Early Literacy Center, Wake Village Elementary and Westlawn Elementary. Texas High School also achieved Recognized status and Texas Middle School remained at Academically Acceptable.

“The fact that our 1,800 student population flagship high school moved up to the Recognized level is an accomplishment the entire community should be proud of,” stated Russell. “I commend all of students for their outstanding efforts on this year’s tests.”

The Texas Education Agency assigns ratings to the state’s public school districts and campuses based upon student performance on the TAKS and alternative assessments, dropout rates, and completion rates. Campuses receive an accreditation status of Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable or Academically Unacceptable.

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