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Via Email with delivery/read receipt

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Dear Dr. Tas:

This is official notification that TEA staff will recommend that your program be assigned the following status under the Accountability System for Educator Preparation at the February 11, 2022 State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) meeting:

Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster

This recommended accreditation status is based on 19 TAC §229.4(b)(4)(A), which states the following:

Due to the governor's declaration of disaster on March 13, 2020, in accordance with Texas Government Code, §418.014, all EPPs shall be assigned a status of Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years.

Once the recommendation is approved by the SBEC, the status will be effective from the date SBEC approves it until SBEC approves the next annual accreditation ratings based on 2021-2022 academic year data. After the SBEC takes action on this recommendation, TEA staff will post accreditation statuses for all educator preparation programs (EPPs) on the Educator Preparation Program Dashboards, accessible from the Consumer Information web page.

As described in §229.4(b)(4)(B), the status of Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster would not be included in any count of years related to the ASEP system and shall not interrupt consecutively measured years or next most recent years in any count of years related to the ASEP system.

As described in §229.4(b)(4)(C), the ASEP status assigned to each EPP for the 2018-2019 academic year is the operative accreditation status for purposes prescribed in 19 TAC Chapter 228, related to Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs. As a reminder, the approved status for your EPP in 2018-2019 was **Accredited-Probation**.

As described in §229.4(b)(4)(C), EPPs that had a 2018-2019 status other than Accredited have had their 2020-2021 data evaluated and compared to the requirements for a status of Accredited. If the EPP meets those requirements, they will be eligible for commendations and break any consecutive count of years. Since your EPP had a rating of **Accredited-Probation** in 2018-2019, TEA staff completed this evaluation.

Based on our evaluation of the 2020-2021 data, your EPP does not meet the requirements for a status of Accredited. Per rule, TEA evaluated your data against the standard in §229.4(b)(1)(A) and §229.4(b)(2)(A).

Under §229.4(b)(1)(A) your ASEP Index Score was 4. This does not meet the standard for Accredited, which is 85% or greater.

Under §229.4(b)(2)(A), the results from the evaluation did not meet the standard for Accredited.

This result means that when accreditation statuses are again assigned under the system described in §229.4(b)(1) and §229.4(b)(2), your EPP will not be reset to having 0 years on a status other than Accredited. This result also means that your EPP remains ineligible for commendations. Please note that this result does not impact your recommended status for 2020-2021 of Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster. Also note that this result does not impact your operative accreditation status for the purposes of §228, which remains your 2018-2019 status, per §229.4(b)(4)(C).

Per 19 TAC §229.5(c)(3), if an EPP had previously failed to meet the pass rate standard for a certification class or category in 2018-2019, but met the requirement based on 2020-2021 data, this represents a break in the consecutively measured years for failing the standard for the certification class or category. Please see the table below for your results in relation to this provision.

Certificate Class or Category	2018-2019 Standing	2020-2021 Result	Count of Years Reset?
Principal	1	50	No

Blank rows mean there was no additional data. These values reflect the result of the small group aggregation procedure, as applicable. For more information about the small group aggregation procedure please see the ASEP Manual.

Per 19 TAC §229.4(a), the ASEP data collected in 2020-2021 is not used for the determination of accreditation statuses. However, these data are provided to EPPs as “report only.” These data were gathered from our systems using our standard processes and analyses. To reiterate, as they are designated “report only,” and are not for use in the current year or subsequent years for the determination of accreditation statuses. These data are provided on the Attachment. Please note: these data take in to account the small-group aggregation described in 19 TAC §229.4(c).

Please share this information with appropriate members of your staff. If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me at Jessica.McLoughlin@tea.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Jessica McLoughlin
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cc: Christie Pogue, Director, EPP Accreditation and Policy Development
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Attachment I: Educator Preparation Program 2020-2021 Academic Year ASEP Results – Report Only

ATTACHMENT

Educator Preparation Program 2020-2021 Academic Year ASEP Results

Standard:	Total_N	N_passed	PCT
1a. Certification Exams-PPR			
All (1)	15	12	80
Female (2)	4	4	100
Male (3)	11	8	72.73
African American (4)			
Hispanic (5)	3	3	100
Other (6)			
White (7)	12	9	75
1b. Certification Exams-Non-PPR			
All (1)	27	18	66.67
Female (2)	12	10	83.33
Male (3)	15	8	53.33
African American (4)	1	1	100
Hispanic (5)	2	1	50
Other (6)			
White (7)	25	17	68
2. Principal Appraisal			
All (1)			
Female (2)			
Male (3)			
African American (4)			
Hispanic (5)			
Other (6)			
White (7)			
4a. Field Supervision - Observations			
All (1)			
Female (2)			
Male (3)			
African American (4)			
Hispanic (5)			
Other (6)			
White (7)			
4b. Field Supervision – Exit Survey			
ALL (1)	5	5	100
Female (2)	3	3	100
Male (3)	2	2	100
African American (4)			
Hispanic (5)			
Other (6)			
White (7)	5	5	100
5. Teacher Appraisal			
ALL (1)	1	1	100
Female (2)			
Male (3)	1	1	100
African American (4)			
Hispanic (5)			
Other (6)			
White (7)	1	1	100

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