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RE: HB 657 Notice to Parents

Dear Trivium Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to notify parents of new legislation affecting state assessments for Special Education Students.

HB 657— STAAR—Procedures for students enrolled in a special education program who fail to perform satisfactorily on certain assessment instruments takes effect immediately. The bill requires the ARD committee, for a student who does not pass the state assessment, to meet before the second test administration.

The ARD committee will have the option to promote the student to the next grade level if it concludes the student has made sufficient progress in the measurable goals in the student's IEP. If the district promotes the student, per the ARD committee decision, the district is not required to provide an additional testing opportunity. Districts are required to notify parents, not later than September 1 of each school year, of this ARD committee option.

Additional information regarding promotion can be found in the Student Success Initiative (SSI) Manual, which can be accessed online at Student Success Initiative:

<https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/student-assessment-overview/student-success-initiative>

If you have questions, please contact Libby DeLeon, Director of Special Populations. You can reach her at libby.deleon@triviumacademytx.com or 469-392-4296.

Sincerely,

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