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LINDALE ISD OUTPERFORMS STATE AND REGION RESULTS IN STAAR

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) recently released spring 2022 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) results for grades 3-8 and End-of-Course (EOC) results for grades 9-12. Lindale ISD scores and results once again reflect much growth and high achievements. Lindale students' academic success is remarkable in comparison to State and Region results. Lindale students out-performed State and Region results at every grade level and in all subjects.

"Our students and teachers continue to amaze me with their excellence," said Stan Surratt, Lindale ISD Superintendent. "The performance of our students on the STAAR tests from the State is outstanding. Last year's performance was one of the best in Texas and this year's scores are even better. We had great growth in every subject and at every grade level. Our parents and community members should be very proud of our Lindale Eagle students. They are simply the best in East Texas and they have the State scores to prove it."

Across the State, schools have witnessed decreased test scores after the 2020 pandemic. When students and teachers were not at school in person, students' performance on all State tests dipped. 2021 scores were drastically lower than test results from 2019. There was no testing in

2020. As districts opened back up full time, student performance increased. There is a direct correlation that students perform better by attending school in person, not virtually. Lindale ISD was one of the very first districts in Texas to return to full time, in-person instruction.

There were many highlights in the 2022 testing results for Lindale ISD. 91% of all students passed the reading STAAR tests compared to 77% across the State. The results of the "High Achieving" students are even more impressive, where 52% of Lindale students "Mastered" the reading tests, compared to just 32% across the State. To score at the "Mastery" level, students must also have a perfect score on these high academic tests.

In math, the results are also impressive where 91% of Lindale students passed compared to just 69% across the State. 45% of all Lindale students scored at the "Mastery" level, where just 18% of all Texas students reached that level.

In science, 89% of Lindale students passed compared to just 70% of students across the State. Impressively, 43% of Lindale students "Mastered" the science tests, whereas just 20% of Texas students reached that level.

In social studies, 82% of Lindale students scored at passing level, while just 59% reached the passing level across the State. The State "Mastery" percentage was 17%, while 38% of Lindale students aced the tests scoring at the "Mastery" level.

"Overall, the performance of Lindale students on the STAAR test is simply outstanding," said Surratt. "Lindale ISD administration examines 66 areas from the testing and LISD students showed growth in 51 areas out of the 66. Several others were flat from the previous year."

The TEA uses STAAR scores mostly to assign campus and district ratings. The strong performance by our students and staff members will likely result in "A" ratings for all campuses and the district. Lindale ISD will use the results from the 2022 STAAR testing to formulate plans for curriculum and instruction for the 2022-23 school year. The tests show strengths and

weaknesses in individual students and groups of students. Lindale ISD will use the data properly to provide the services and remediation as needed for each individual student.

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