



## **SHEPHERD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Parents and/or Guardians of Shepherd Middle Students:

Shepherd Middle School has been identified under the Public Education Grant (PEG) Program for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. This list identifies campuses at which 50 percent or more of the students did not pass STAAR in any two of the three preceding school years: 2016, 2017, 2018 or was rated Improvement Required in 2017 or 2018 under the statewide accountability system. Shepherd Middle School was rated Improvement Required during the 2017-2018 school year.

As a parent or guardian of a student attending a PEG designated campus, you have the option to request a transfer of your student to a campus in another school district for the 2019-2020 school year. You must contact the chosen school district to obtain a transfer application, and you must apply in writing. This letter will provide adequate justification for the transfer request. The chosen school district is entitled to accept or reject the application to attend in that district but may not use criteria that discriminate on the basis of a student's race, ethnicity, academic achievement, athletic abilities, language proficiency, sex, or socioeconomic status. The district is not required to provide transportation for students who transfer to another district under the PEG program.

If a student receives a PEG transfer to another district, student eligibility for the transfer expires upon any of the following conditions: 1) completion of all grades on the campus upon which eligibility was originally based (the PEG campus); 2) removal of the campus from the PEG list; or 3) assignment of the student to a campus that is not on the PEG list as a result of redrawn attendance boundaries or the student moves into a different attendance area. More information is available in the PEG Frequently Asked Questions section of the Texas Education Agency web site at [http://tea.texas.gov/perfreport/peg\\_faq.html.aspx](http://tea.texas.gov/perfreport/peg_faq.html.aspx)

Please be assured, we have developed a comprehensive strategy to ensure the success of all students in this area. We are committed to strengthening the skills of our students and teachers to achieve academic distinction. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 936-628-3377.

Sincerely,

Denise Weatherford  
Shepherd Middle School, Principal