

TEXAS SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REVIEW TEAM (TSPRT) UPDATE

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As you are aware, the Comptroller's School Performance Team has started its third week of review activities. I would like to share with you several of those activities that have been accomplished during this time.

During Week One, board members, central office staff, as well as myself were interviewed by the Comptroller's Review Team.

During Week Two, the Review Team continued interviewing central office personnel. They also conducted ten (10) community forums at our high schools, where approximately 200 people were in attendance.

In addition, the Review Team began conducting 22 campus focus groups. They chose campuses from each of the five areas and from elementary, middle/jr. high/high schools. They are visiting with principals, assistant principals, counselors, librarians, and teachers. The Review Team will finish the campus focus group meetings this Friday.

I want to thank each of our principals for their support and assistance in working with the review team regarding the public forums and campus focus groups that were conducted at their schools.

We are now in the middle of **Week Three** as the Review Team finishes the campus focus groups, completes its data gathering, and concludes staff interviews.

Next week, **Week Four**, the Review Team will conduct focus group meetings on Monday, November 8th at the Professional Development Academy for principals, assistant principals, helping teachers, and a fourth group consisting of teachers, librarians, and counselors. Administrators are scheduled to meet during the day and teachers, counselors, and librarians are scheduled for the evening.

What are the next steps?

Based on the latest information provided by the Comptroller's Review Team, it appears that the week of November 8-12 will be their last intensive onsite work in the district. The next step will begin the tremendous task of taking all information gathered and crafting an outline with a rough draft report due by the first week in December.

I truly appreciate the efforts that you are making to work with the Comptroller's Team in scheduling these very important meetings.

My continued expectation for district staff is to cooperate and assist the Comptroller's Review Team in an open and forthright manner.