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VIA: INTERAGENCY MAIL

Re: EPISD/TAKS

Dear Commissioner Scott:

We appreciate the time that you took with us today to clarify TEA's role at EPISD in connection with the current TAKS controversy.

Per your conversation with me, Analisa Cordova, my Chief of Staff, and Juana Padilla in my El Paso office, you stated that Superintendent Lorenzo Garcia of EPISD called two weeks ago and asked that your agency review and confirm an audit that he was doing at EPISD regarding TAKS data.

You refused to do so and stated to Superintendent Garcia that it was inappropriate for TEA to get involved and that he should get an independent third party to audit the data.

To date, the TEA has not done any audit, report or other written review of the Bowie or other TAKS data that is in controversy now.

I asked that you confirm what EPISD related documents or reviews that TEA has done over the last two years and deliver those to me in writing.



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In our office, Eduardo will follow up to get your letter next week.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Eliot Shapleigh

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