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IMPORTANT  
ACCREDITATION  
INFORMATION

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to Houston Can! Academy Charter School

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The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2010-2011 accreditation status of the Houston Can! Academy is **Accredited-Warned**. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to charter schools include Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked. A status of **Accredited-Warned** means that a charter school exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to probation or revocation of the charter school's accreditation status.

The Houston Can! Academy has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the charter school in the state's academic accountability rating system. Specifically, the Houston Can! Academy was assigned a 2009 and 2010 Academic Accountability Rating of Academically Unacceptable

The charter school is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. Houston Can! Academy has created and is implementing a comprehensive improvement plan to address all areas of student performance and attendance. The school is adhering to low student to teacher and student to advisor ratios to better serve students. New staff positions on the campus have been created and filled with highly qualified individuals to improve performance and dropout rate. The tutorial program at Houston Can! Academy continues to be a large factor in the increased performance of the entire school and will continue into the next school year. Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the charter school are not addressed, the charter school may be assigned an accreditation status of **Accredited-Probation** or **Not Accredited-Revoked**. A Not Accredited-Revoked status means that the TEA no longer recognizes the charter school as a Texas public school. Charter schools with an accreditation status below Accredited also may be subject to additional accreditation sanctions as referenced in statute and rule.

For more information regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses to charter schools, you may access the TEA website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/accredstatus>. This website will provide you with background information as well as links to the Texas Education Code and current commissioner's rules related to accreditation.

If you have additional questions regarding the assignment of an **Accredited-Warned** status to the Houston Can! Academy, or if you would like additional information about the charter's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact Dr. Joyce Phillips at 713-651-1493 or email [jphillips@texanscan.org](mailto:jphillips@texanscan.org).

Sincerely,



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