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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

Subject: Early College High School Blueprint Redesign and Designation Process Changes

ECHS Redesigned Blueprint

Texas Education Agency (TEA), in collaboration with multiple stakeholders, redesigned the Early College High School (ECHS) Blueprint and designation process. The new Blueprint streamlines the required design elements to give local education agencies more flexibility to meet student outcomes. The new Blueprint is effective in the 2018-2019 school year for existing designated ECHS campuses.

The ECHS Blueprint addresses six benchmarks: 1) target population, 2) partnership agreement, 3) leadership initiative, 4) curriculum and support, 5) academic rigor and readiness, and 6) school design. Each benchmark is tied to multiple design elements. The Blueprint also outlines outcomes-based measures (OBMs) related to access, achievement and attainment. Information on the redesigned ECHS Blueprint including the blueprint itself may be found at

Applications for the planning year must be submitted to the TEA through the online application on or before 5:00 p.m., Friday December 15, 2017. Applicants will be notified in Spring 2018 if they have been accepted into the planning year process.

2017-2018 ECHS Designees

ECHS campuses CURRENTLY designated will have the opportunity to submit a re-designation application as an ECHS for the 2018-201