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Dear Students, Staff, and Community:

The Texas Education Agency released A-F grades today for campuses and districts across the state. The system includes three domains for measuring academic performance of schools: student achievement, school progress, and closing the gaps. Our scores were as follows:

Nixon-Smiley CISD (District Overall)	C (79)
Nixon-Smiley High School	C (76)
Nixon-Smiley Middle School	B (88) plus all 7 possible "distinctions"
Nixon-Smiley Elementary School	F (59)

As you can see, we have some areas to celebrate and others where work is needed.

I commend our Middle School staff, students, and parents for the excellent score. They also earned all of the additional distinctions including: ELA/Reading, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Comparative Academic Growth, Postsecondary Readiness, and Comparative Closing the Gaps. Clearly, there are some great things going on at Nixon-Smiley Middle School!

I am saddened to see that our Elementary campus received an "F." Although this indicator shows we need improvement, it is important to keep this in perspective. A single letter grade in no way reflects the hard-working staff, students, and the supportive parents/community of Nixon-Smiley Elementary. It also does not mean we are a "failing" school. This score is just one measurement and certainly makes us aware there are areas we need to grow.

While Nixon-Smiley High School and the District overall can be comfortable with the "C" rating, this will not be a time to sit back and accept that as "good enough." Rather, we will continue to work hard to boost student achievement as measured on this indicator and others.

If you are interested in learning more about this system, I would encourage you to review the TEA website at: <https://tea.texas.gov/a-f/> Or, if you have specific questions, please feel free to contact me or one of the campus principals.

Sincerely,

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