

Pleasant Grove INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

To Parents of 5th and 8th grade students receiving special education services:

Under the Student Success Initiative enacted by the 76th Texas Legislative Session, satisfactory performance on STAAR reading and math assessments is a requirement for promotion to the next grade for 5th and 8th graders. Students may take up to two retests in order to give each student the opportunity to pass.

HB 657 enacted by the 85th Texas Legislative Session requires that for a student receiving special education services who does not perform satisfactorily on the first administration of STAAR, an ARD committee must meet prior to the second administration of STAAR. At this meeting, the ARD committee will decide whether the student will take additional administrations of the STAAR or whether retesting will be waived for the year for the student. The ARD committee will also decide whether to promote the student to the next grade level without additional testing if he/she has made sufficient progress in the measurable academic goals in the IEP.

Additional information regarding promotion can be found in the Student Success Initiative (SSI) Manual, which can be accessed online at [http:// tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/ssi/](http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/ssi/).

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Principal or Tina Antley, Director of Special Programs, tantley@pgisd.net , (903) 831-4086.