



MUSTANG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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We are thankful to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister, Carlisha Bradley, Jennifer Monies, Estela Hernandez, Brian Bobek, Trent Smith, and Sarah Lepak (Members of the State Board of Education) for allowing the following item to be placed on the agenda of the State Board of Education for the August 25, 2022 meeting:

Discussion and possible action on request of Mustang Public Schools to reconsider the accreditation status action taken at the July 28, 2022, meeting of the State Board of Education.

That said, we are extremely disappointed in the decision made today by the State Board of Education on that agenda item. We simply do not understand why a prior decision made in haste without context or facts would not be reconsidered.

We are concerned with the message that this sends regarding due process. At the July meeting of this Board, thirty (30) minutes was afforded to the discussion of facts and issues surrounding another school in this situation, yet only seven (7) minutes was allowed for discussion of Mustang in which time it was made abundantly clear that the facts surrounding our complaint were unknown, and evidently irrelevant.

While we are disheartened with the decision made which prevented the conversation about the facts surrounding this incident, and how there exists no due process for schools in the current law/rules, we respect the authority of the Board. We will continue to be open to and willing to be a part of a conversation moving forward that we hope will allow for some common sense solutions that do more than just dole out punishment, but that give consideration to context and allow for local school districts to handle issues at the local level prior to State intervention. Given the support of legislators statewide for due process in this case, we look forward to the legislative process and partnering with them toward achieving the goals outlined herein.

Charles Bradley, Superintendent
Mustang Public Schools