

September 3, 2019

Dear Lower School Families,

As some may know, **the TEA recently released Accountability Ratings** for all Texas Public Schools. These ratings score schools according to objective criteria related to student performance, demographics, attendance, and other factors. For our second year since the TEA has employed this approach to rating two years ago, **Great Hearts Irving has received an “A Rating” overall**, placing us within a group of only **300** of Texas’s nearly **9,000** campuses statewide. The TEA especially recognized our success in “Closing the Gaps” (differentials among different demographic groups) and “Student Achievement” (overall performance across all subjects for all students). When the performance of our Economically Disadvantaged population is compared against the same demographics’ performance at similar schools, the TEA recognized a need for our improvement in particular. We have already begun the work of assessing this area for growth and are developing a strategy for improvement with the District. For an overview of the criteria and a summary of the evaluation, click [here](#). For a closer look at our school’s data in particular, click [here](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcy Finn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marcy Finn
Interim Headmaster, Lower School