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To: Campus Principals
From: Dr. Greg Gibson, Superintendent *G. G.*
Date: October 16, 2013
Re: Grading Guidelines
Cc: Board of Trustees

During the 2012-13 school year, several advisory groups developed a uniform set of grading guidelines for SCUC ISD. The purpose of the guidelines was to ensure some degree of uniformity of grading across grade levels, district-wide. Through the process of developing the guidelines, it became apparent that there are many varied strong perceptions about grading. Our goal was to make sure that students' grades are a relatively accurate representation of how well they understand the required Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Common unit assessments are important parts of our assessment system. The primary purpose of a common unit assessment is to assess how well children comprehend the TEKS that should have been taught by a certain period of time. As our grading guidelines currently exist, common unit assessments are required to count as a summative (test) grade. The results for the first round of assessments for 2013-14 were generally not as high as we had hoped. In some instances, these results may exist because of student and/or teacher efficacy in learning/teaching or because of lack of clarity in the way the questions were asked.

We are going to own these less than desirable results at the district level and make an adjustment to the grading guidelines accordingly. We are adjusting the guidelines to count common unit assessments as formative (daily) grades. We will monitor common unit assessment results this school year and will reassess this change before making adjustments in the future. For the first nine weeks, if moving the common unit assessment(s) to the formative category lowers the student's average, the student will maintain the original higher average.

★ **SCUCISD Mission Statement** ★

Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD provides a safe, secure and challenging learning environment, through the responsible use of all resources, to afford opportunities for all students to realize their individual potential and to become responsible and productive members of society.