Notification of Cell Phone Policy Pertaining to State Assessments

Date: 5 February

Dear Parents of _____:

This letter is to inform you that the Texas Education Agency stated in the *2009 District and Campus Coordinator Manual* for the Student Assessment Program that, "The use of cell phones during testing is not permitted for the following reasons."

- "Making or receiving calls disrupts the testing environment by disturbing other students."
- "Making or receiving calls could compromise the confidentiality of the test."
- "The text messaging and camera features of cell phones could be used to compromise the confidentiality of the test."(Page 182)

The policy adopted and set forth by the Terrell Independent School District (TISD) states that, "Students will not be permitted to bring cell phones or other electronic media devices into the testing environment on state testing days."

Any student caught with a cell phone in the testing environment will be subject to the following:

1) The student's test will automatically be invalidated (coded 'O'), even if the student's test document has already been submitted to the test administrator.
2) The student's cell phone will be confiscated on the spot. (An investigation must take place and the cell phone is needed to proceed with this process.)
3) Any further disciplinary actions will be decided at the campus level.

This policy was developed to comply with the Texas Education Agency's mandate. This policy was further developed to help maintain and preserve the security and confidential integrity of the Texas Student Assessment Program *(see Texas Education Code, Chapter 39, Subchapter B, for a further definition of the secure testing program).*

I have read and agree to comply with the Terrell Independent School District's policy on cell phone use during state administered tests.

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Parent Signature	Date	Student Signature	Date