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Dear Staff Members,

The past several months have been spent integrating best practices already in Tomball ISD with the infusion of new instructional/educational opportunities for all students. I wanted to take a minute to update you all on our progress regarding the curriculum audit that TISD had performed last school year. The results of that audit began a chain of events that continues today. Upon my arrival in Tomball this summer, the Curriculum & Instruction Department established the Curriculum Design Team that has met a number of times. The Design Team consists of the Chief Academic Officer (me), Executive Directors, Directors, Coordinators, Instructional Content Specialists and Campus Instructional Leaders including Principals and an Associate Principal.

So what does all of this mean? What are the next steps? We have drafted a solid design for our curriculum management plan as requested by the audit. This plan extends out 3-5 years with specific content areas being addressed in year 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 etc. The district leadership team will continue to support the work ahead.

In the spirit of full transparency, we are placing the curriculum audit online on our district website for you to review on your own. You will also see the Five-Year Cycle for Curriculum Development which lists the phases of implementation by core content. You can go to the home page of our website then scroll to Curriculum and Instruction Department. You will then find the Curriculum Audit tab. We will continue to post updates on the progress of the Curriculum Design Team as we move forward with our curriculum writing/blueprint work. You will also be able to see the curriculum management draft timeline proposed by the design team. Some of you will be involved in that process as we move into the next phase involving the writing/rewriting of our curriculum.

I know there has been discussion at the campus level about our new curriculum, and wanted for all of you to know where we are today. I welcome your feedback, comments, questions and/or concerns. You can always contact me at my office or via email at marthasalazarzamora@tomballisd.net.

I hope that you have an excellent end of the school year as we move into the final phase of the 2014-2015 academic year. I thank you for what you do each and every day to enrich the lives of our students here in Tomball ISD. When I think about the great work you do, I am quickly reminded of Christa McAuliffe. Christa stated, "I touch the future... I teach". Thank you for molding our future and for being a teacher/employee in Tomball ISD.

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