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Senator José Menéndez Issues Statement on Pause of A-F Ratings

San Antonio, Texas – Today, the Texas Education Agency announced their decision to pause A-F ratings for the 2020-2021 school year, citing the ongoing disruptions due to the global pandemic.

Senator José Menéndez released the following statement:

"Thank you to the Texas Education Agency for making the right decision today in pausing A-F ratings for our public schools. Throughout this pandemic, our educators and support staff have been heroic in ensuring that our students continued their education. It has been a tough year for many, and A-F ratings would not have been an appropriate measure of our schools. Rather, it would have measured how well our students were doing during a global pandemic. I strongly urge the Texas Education Agency to support the suspension of the STAAR exam. Administering an in person test is both dangerous and unfair towards our students and educators.

In order to assist our public schools, students, teachers, and support staff, I will be filing legislation to cancel the STAAR exam and use that funding towards their recovery. We must make common sense investments into our public schools, and prioritize the needs of our students. Thank you again to the Texas Education Agency for taking a step in the right direction. I look forward to working together this upcoming session."

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