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Robert Scott
Commissioner

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Dear Superintendent,

Congratulations on the successful completion of year one of the physical fitness assessment initiative! As you are aware, the Texas Education Code, Chapter 38.101 (<http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/ed.toc.htm>) requires that the fitness levels of all students in grades 3-12 be assessed starting in the 2007-2008 school year. You are receiving this letter and a Certificate of Appreciation as recognition that your district submitted aggregated fitness data to the Agency for the 2007-2008 school year. The enclosed certificate is signed by some of our state's greatest leaders in school health and education, including Senator Jane Nelson, Dr. Kenneth Cooper, Commissioner Robert Scott, and the Executive Director of the Texas Action for Healthy Kids, Patricia Mouser. These leaders, along with the Division of Health and Safety, acknowledge your commitment to this important project. Because of your efforts, the State of Texas has been recognized throughout the Nation; Texas is now a model for other states beginning similar initiatives.

If you have any questions as you implement this requirement again this school year, please contact Marissa Rathbone, Director of School Health, at (512) 463-3064 or by email at Marissa.Rathbone@tea.state.tx.us. The following websites can also provide you with up-to-date information and resources related to fitness assessment and professional development:

- Texas Education Agency: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/health/PFAI.html>
- FITNESSGRAM: www.fitnessgram.net/texas
- Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance: www.tahperd.org
- Education Service Center School Health Specialists:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/schoolhealth/netlist.shtm>

We look forward to achieving another successful year of data collection with you and, more importantly, of utilizing data to improve practices and programming that will lead to the improved health and wellbeing of our schoolchildren.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy school year!

Sincerely,

Jeff Kloster, Associate Commissioner
Division of Health and Safety

Marissa Rathbone, Director of School Health
Division of Health and Safety

CONGRATULATIONS!

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has shown their concern for children's health and physical fitness by completing and submitting their Fitnessgram data for the 2007-2008 school year.

Senator Jane Nelson,
Texas Education Agency,
The Cooper Institute and
Texas Action for Healthy Kids
would like to recognize
your extra effort to ensure
your students are

Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn!



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Senator Jane Nelson
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