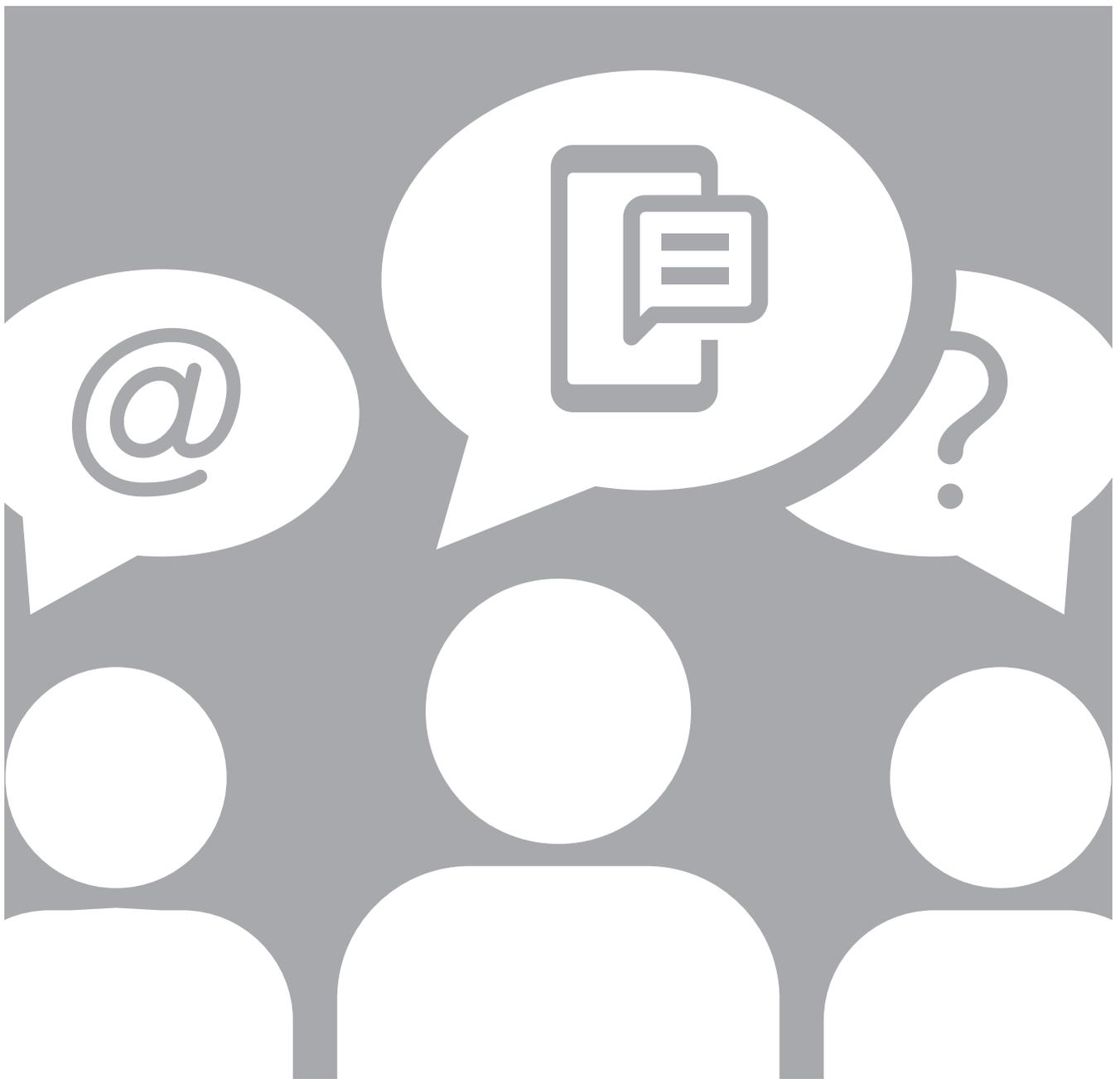
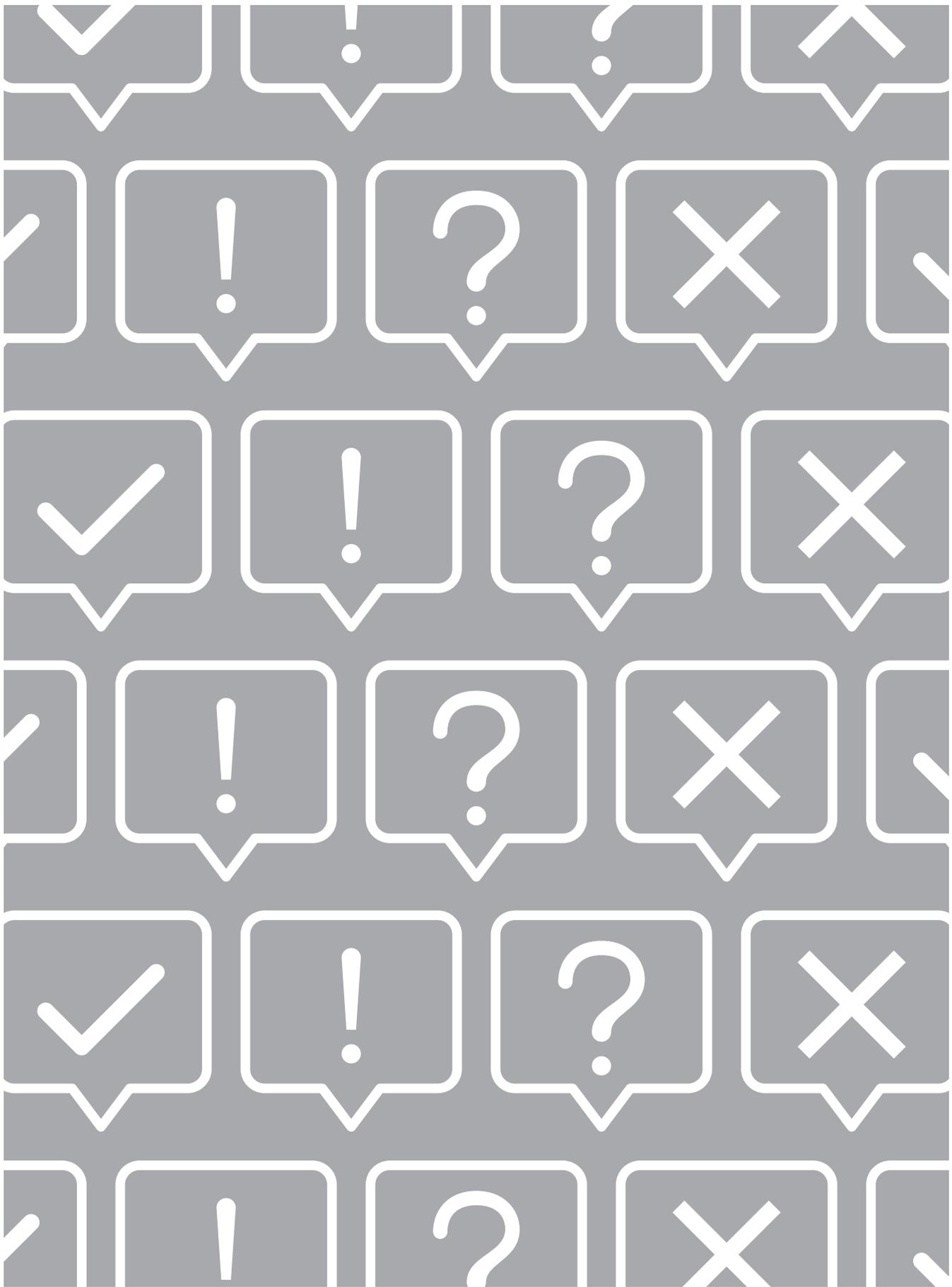
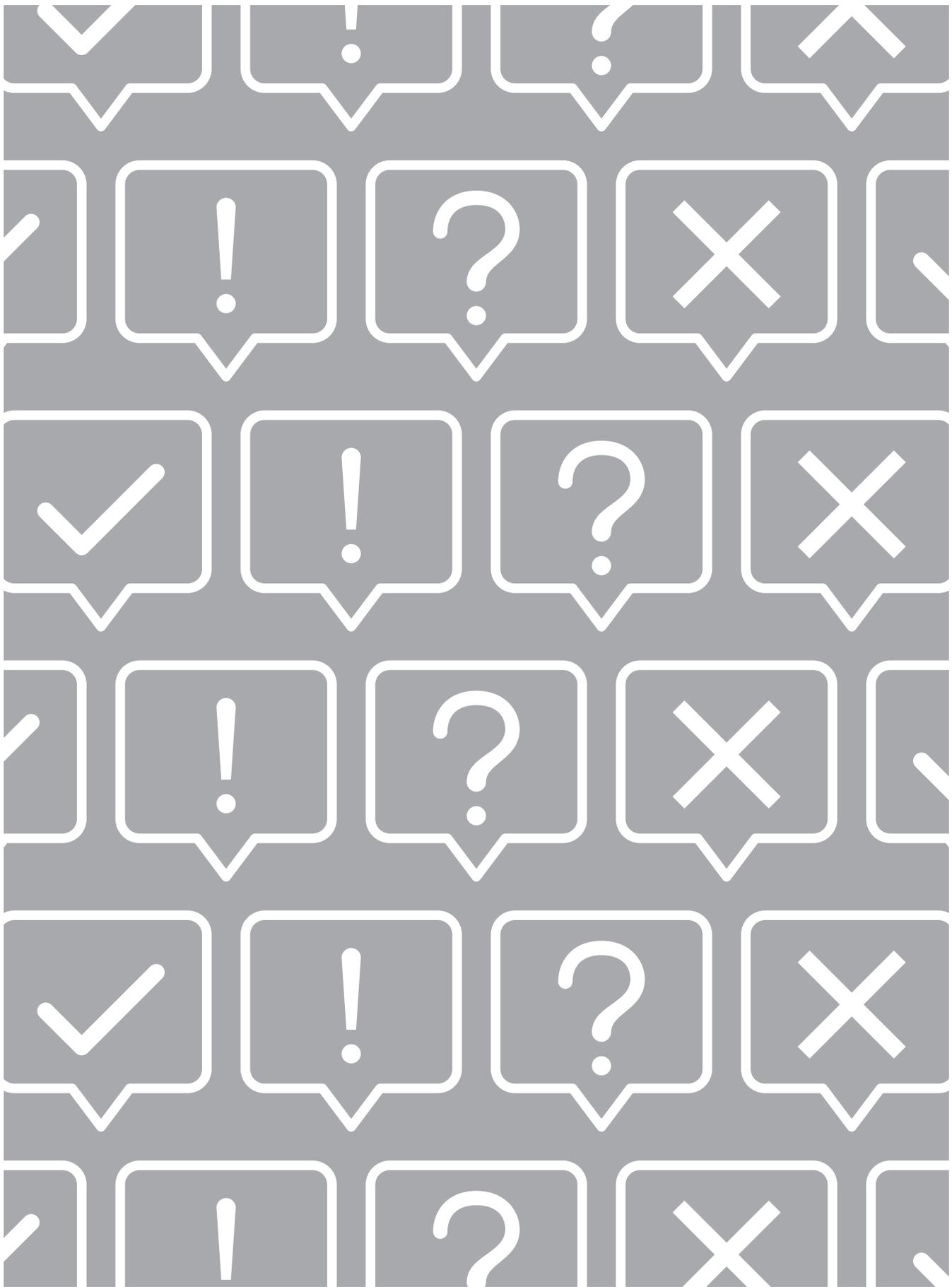


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April 2018

DEAR FRIEND,

Hurricane Harvey left devastating effects on the greater Houston region and areas along the Gulf Coast. Many of our students, families, teachers, and staff are still coping with the physical and emotional suffering caused by the storm. Some of our families are still without a home, while others have completely started over. While we remain resolute in confronting the challenges, the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey has imposed a historic burden on the ability to foster and facilitate the excellent learning environment that the HISD family tirelessly strives for each day.

To compound these challenges, Texas public schools are currently transitioning to a new A-F state accountability system passed by the Texas Legislature. The new state standards that will rate schools and school districts have not been announced, but we do know the standards will be higher than before and will be determined by standardized testing. Placing this extraordinary demand on our teachers and students under these circumstances is irresponsible and unreasonable.

On February 6, 2018, former HISD Superintendent Richard Carranza and I wrote a letter to the Texas Education Commissioner requesting a one-year reprieve from accountability for all HISD schools. Let me be very clear that we are not afraid of accountability; we welcome and embrace it. But considering the unpredictable circumstances in which many HISD families still find themselves in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, a one-year reprieve from accountability and state sanctions is best for our children. To date, it is unclear whether the reprieve will be granted, leaving our principals, teachers, and students with unclear expectations.

We are doing our part to ensure this reasonable request is granted. **But now, we need your help.** It is critical that Texas policymakers hear from you. Please contact the Texas Education Agency commissioner, governor, lieutenant governor, legislative education committee, and your elected state senator and state representative requesting that **immediate** action is taken for Houston-area students and families.

The request is simple and straightforward. We are asking for a one-year accountability reprieve for all schools and a halt in state sanctions for schools in "Improvement Required" status.

Any form of outreach will help. Letters, emails, phone calls, and social media are all critical and impactful tools for communicating your message to policymakers. We've made it easy for you with this toolkit.

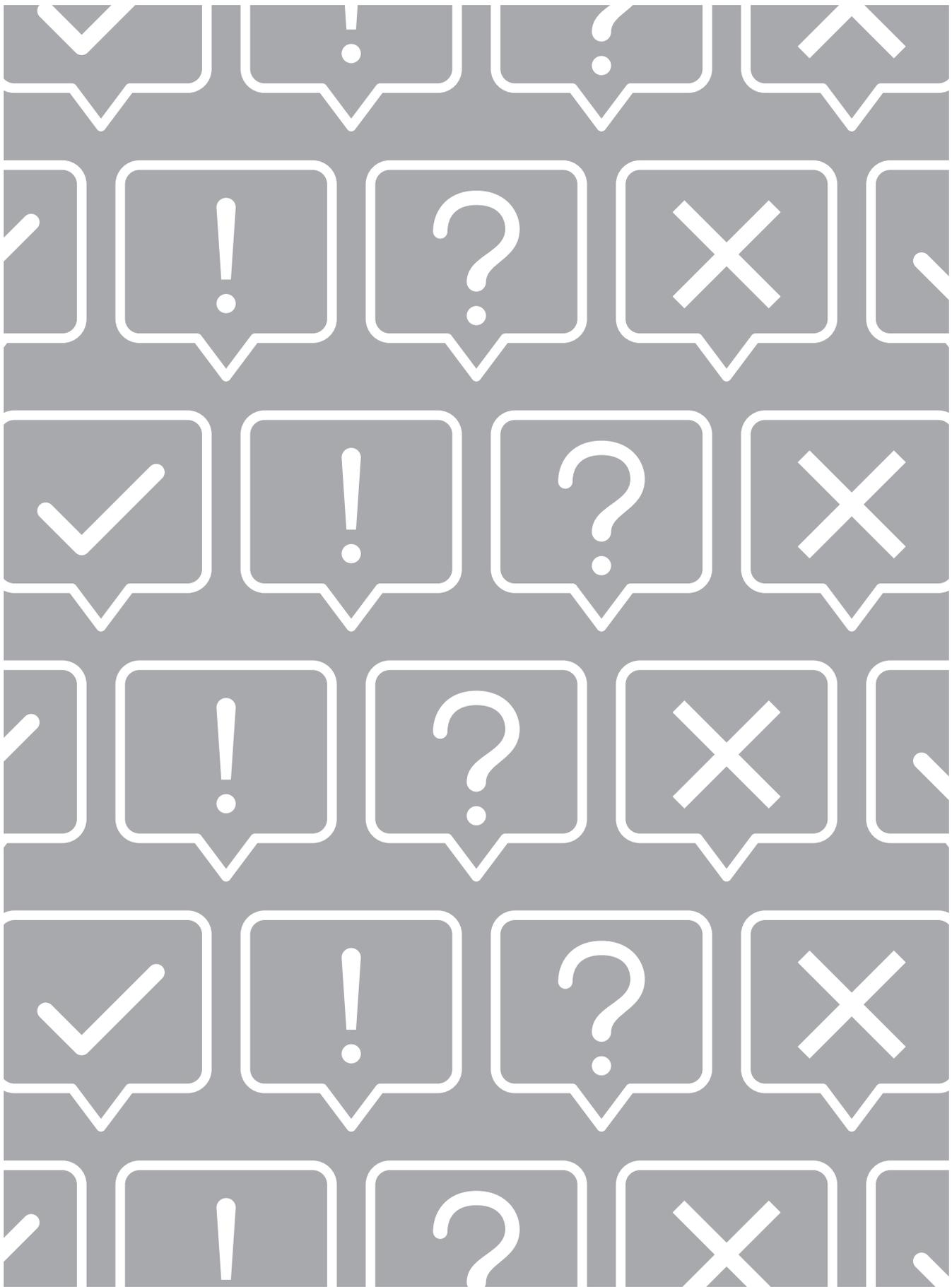
For your convenience, enclosed is a toolkit that you may use as a roadmap to communicate with Texas policymakers. **If you do not know your Senate and House legislative district or who represents you in the Texas Legislature, visit HoustonISD.org/TexasLegislature.** Policymaker contact information, including social media, is provided below.

Please share this toolkit with your communities and let your voices be heard by Texas policymakers. Your support is critical in addressing the challenges facing public education. Do not let the needs of our children go ignored in Austin.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

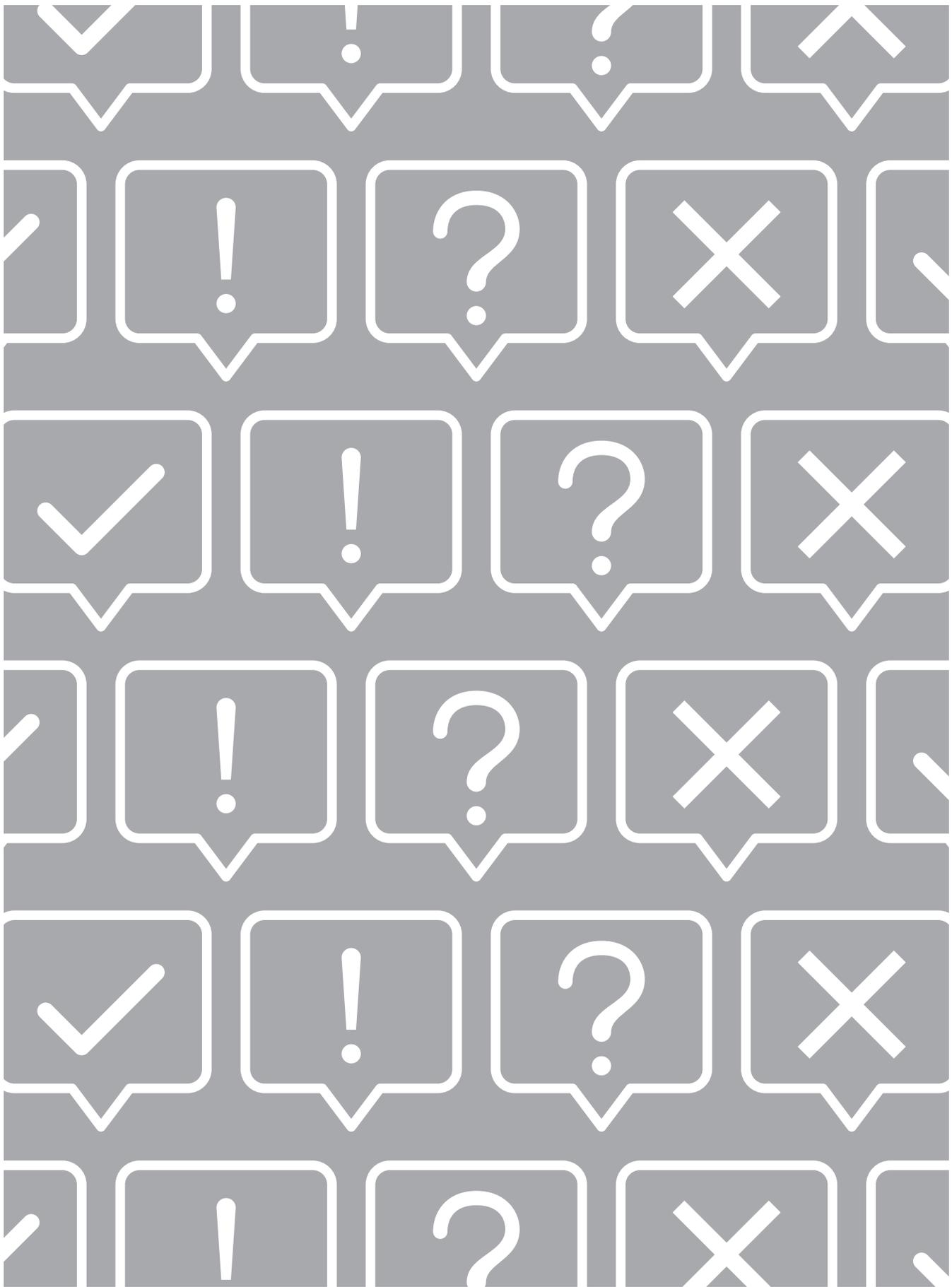
Rhonda Skillern-Jones
HISD Board of Education President



FAQS 02



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1. WHAT IS “ACCOUNTABILITY” AND WHO MAY GRANT SCHOOLS A REPRIEVE?

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) sets the accountability measures it uses to rate school districts and individual campuses. Each spring, students in grades 3-12 take the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, also referred to as the “STAAR” exam. Each district and campus receives an accountability rating of “Met Standard” or “Improvement Required” based on the results of the STAAR Exam. The exam is generally taken each spring, with the results released the following August. The TEA commissioner may grant an accountability reprieve.

2. WHAT IS “IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED” STATUS, OR “IR”?

Improvement Required is the state designation of a campus that did not meet the minimum requirements in the state’s accountability system. Under House Bill 1842, enacted by the Texas Legislature in 2015, a campus may not hold an “IR” designation for five or more consecutive years beginning August 15, 2018. The sanctions imposed by the state include either campus closure or a districtwide state takeover, meaning the state will replace the school district’s locally elected Board of Education with a state-appointed board of managers to oversee all district functions.

Senate Bill 1882, enacted by the Texas Legislature in 2017, provides options for districts to avoid the sanctions imposed by House Bill 1842. Under Senate Bill 1882, a district may avoid campus closure or state takeover by moving forward with one of the following options: a district-initiated campus closure and restart with an entirely new staff or the formation of a partnership with either a nonprofit, institute of higher education, local government, or an open-enrollment charter in good standing.

3. WHAT IS THE NEW A-F ACCOUNTABILITY MODEL?

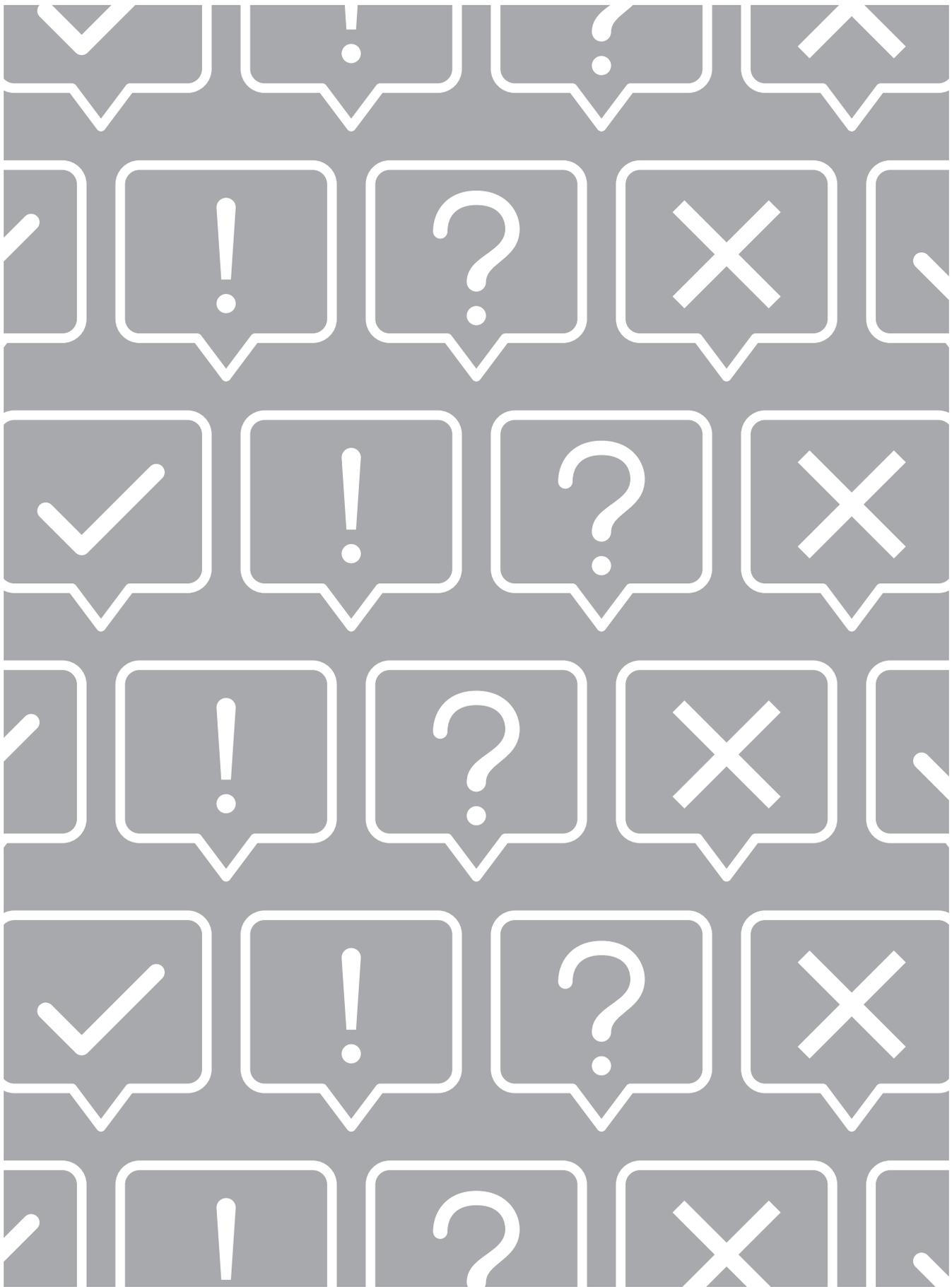
The new A-F accountability model is set to replace the state’s current system of providing districts and campuses with “Met Standard” or “Improvement Required” designations. The new model will rate the academic performance of school districts and individual campuses with three domains: student achievement, school progress, and closing the gaps. The results from the STAAR exam will largely determine how each campus performs in the three new domains. Starting in the fall of 2018, school districts will receive an A-F rating for each of the three domains and a rating for its overall performance. Campuses will receive A-F ratings beginning in August 2019.

4. WHAT HAPPENS IF THE STATE OF TEXAS DOES NOT PROVIDE HISD A REPRIEVE FROM ACCOUNTABILITY AND SANCTIONS?

If a one-year accountability reprieve is not granted to HISD and each of the district’s campuses that have been IR for four or more years do not meet the state’s minimum standards, the state will either replace the school district’s elected Board of Education with a state-appointed board of managers or close any campus still holding an “Improvement Required” designation. The school district may avoid these sanctions by moving forward with either of the relief options under SB 1882, listed in question 2.

5. WHAT HAPPENS IF THE STATE OF TEXAS DOES PROVIDE HISD A REPRIEVE FROM ACCOUNTABILITY AND SANCTIONS?

If a one-year reprieve is granted to HISD, schools will be provided a “Not Rated” designation for the 2017-2018 school year, and all state sanctions associated with House Bill 1842 will be halted for one year.

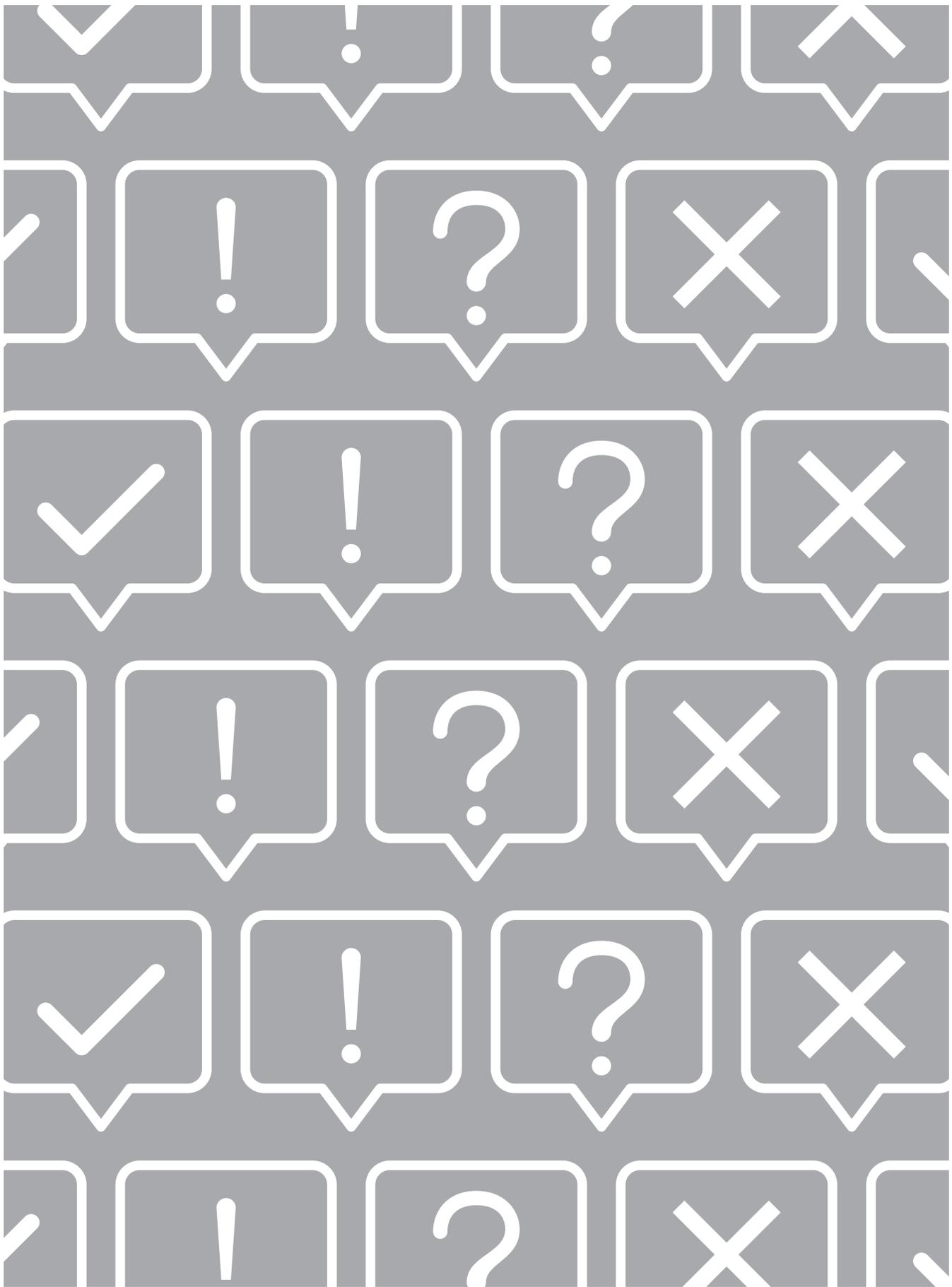


KEY POLICYMAKER CONTACT INFO

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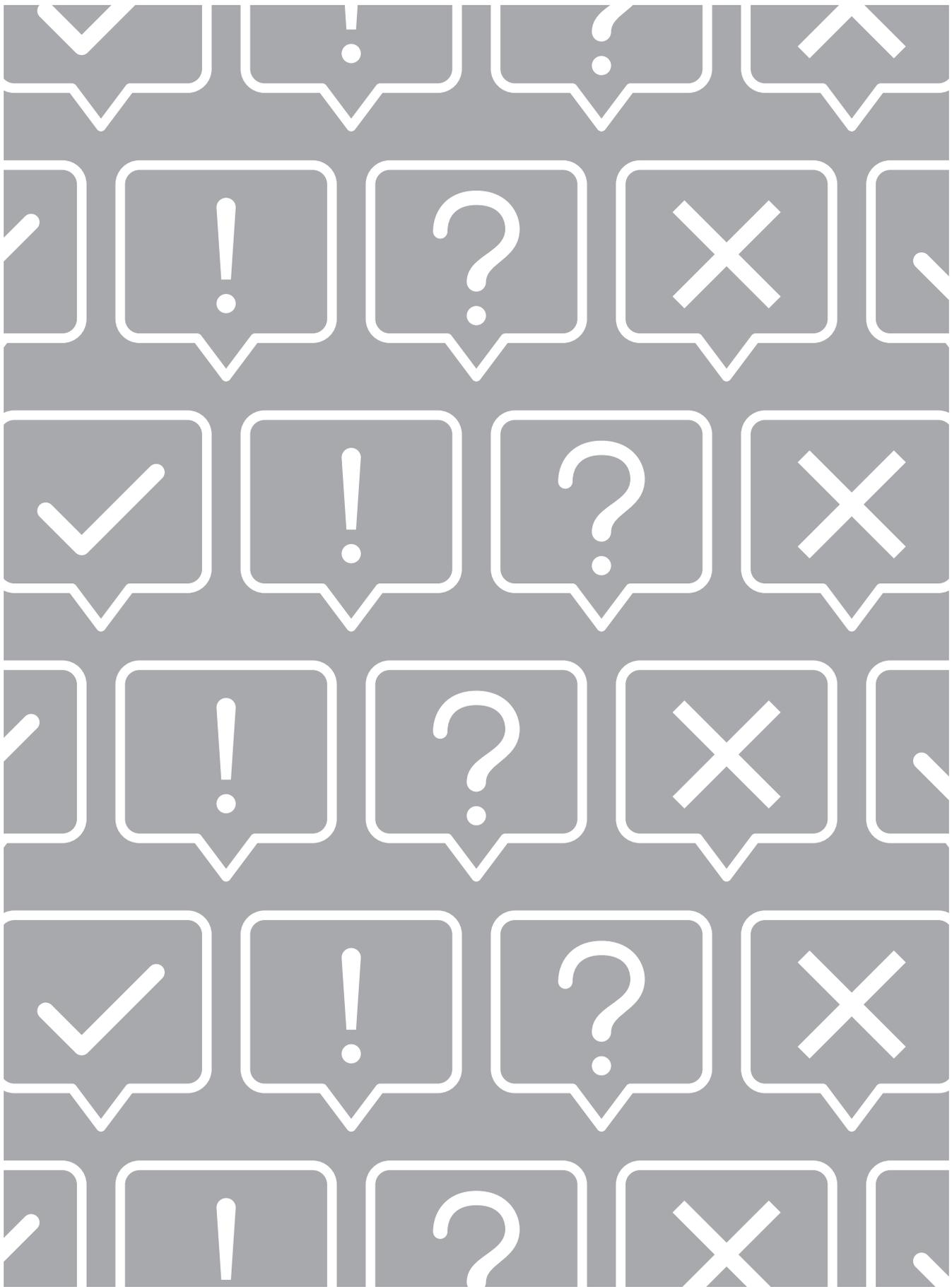
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EMAIL AND LETTER TEMPLATES **04**



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BELOW IS A “MENU” OF TALKING POINTS THAT YOU MAY CHOOSE TO INCLUDE IN YOUR EMAILS OR LETTERS TO POLICYMAKERS. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PERSONALIZE YOUR LETTER. PLEASE SHARE YOUR PERSPECTIVE AND STORY.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Hurricane Harvey left devastating impacts on Gulf Coast schools, students, and families.
- Harvey significantly delayed opening of Gulf Coast schools, closed some schools, and caused massive changes, including relocations, for many students and educators across the region.
- The added pressure of meeting state accountability standards during this volatile time places unfair pressure on students struggling in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.
- Texas public schools are currently transitioning to a new A-F accountability model. This is a significant change, and the state should provide students and teachers with the resources and assistance they need to successfully transition to this new model.
- Expecting our Gulf Coast students to learn at the highest level in the aftermath of one of America’s worst floods is unfair, and a one-year reprieve from accountability AND sanctions is reasonable.
- We are not afraid of accountability. But a one-year accountability reprieve is both a reasonable and critical step toward helping our students during this time of recovery.
- It is our obligation to provide our children with the best possible learning environment. The pressures of state accountability after such a natural disaster place more stress on our children.
- Houston-area students and their families are still recovering from missed instructional days, mental anguish, homelessness, and much more.

WADA HOLD HARMLESS

- A one-year hold harmless will provide Harvey-impacted districts with the ability to assess the full financial impact of the storm.
- Harvey was a catastrophic event, not just from a personal or property perspective, but also financially. The district has done much of the financial work associated with recovery on its own.
- The financial impact of Hurricane Harvey is not yet fully realized, and it is unclear how many students the district will lose prior to the 2018-2019 school year.
- The state can step up to help HISD and Gulf Coast students and families by providing additional certainty in how property value decline and WADA will be treated.

TEMPLATE EMAIL OR LETTER TO TEXAS EDUCATION COMMISSIONER MORATH

TO: COMMISSIONER@TEA.TEXAS.GOV

SUBJECT: URGENT—Accountability Reprieve Needed for Gulf Coast Students

EMAIL BODY:

Dear Commissioner Morath,

I am a Houston resident, taxpayer, and parent to children attending (school) in the Houston Independent School District. (OR IF NOT PARENT—I am a Houston resident and care deeply about the public schools in my community.)

As you know, Hurricane Harvey left a devastating impact on the Houston Independent School District and surrounding communities. Many of our students, teachers, staff, and families are still recovering from the physical and emotional damages caused by one of the worst floods in American history. The storm also imposed an additional burden on the district, which was already facing a budget deficit caused by recapture and other issues.

My request to you is very simple and straightforward. I respectfully ask that, in your capacity as the Texas Education Commissioner, you announce a one-year reprieve from accountability and state sanctions for all schools impacted by Hurricane Harvey. A “Not Rated” designation for the 2017-2018 school year for all schools impacted by Harvey is not only reasonable, but the right thing to do for our children as they recover from the physical and emotional damages caused by the storm.

(INSERT YOUR PERSONAL STORY AND PROVIDED TALKING POINTS HERE)

Thank you for your service to the State of Texas.

Respectfully,

Your Name

TEMPLATE EMAIL OR LETTER TO GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

TO: Submit letter online at GOV.TEXAS.GOV/APPS/CONTACT/OPINION.ASPX

SUBJECT: Please Urge TEA Commissioner Morath to Grant **ALL** Houston Students an Accountability Reprieve

EMAIL BODY:

Dear Governor Abbott,

I am a Houston resident, taxpayer, and parent to children attending (school) in the Houston Independent School District. (OR IF NOT PARENT—I am a Houston resident and care deeply about the public schools in my community.)

As you know, Hurricane Harvey left a devastating impact on the Houston Independent School District and surrounding communities. Many of our students, teachers, staff, and families are still recovering from the physical and emotional damages caused by one of the worst floods in American history. The storm also imposed an additional burden on the district, which was already facing a budget deficit caused by recapture and other issues.

My request to you is very simple and straightforward. I respectfully ask that, in your capacity as the Governor of Texas, you urge the Texas Education Commissioner to provide a one-year reprieve from accountability and state sanctions for all schools impacted by Hurricane Harvey. A “Not Rated” designation for the 2017-2018 school year for all schools impacted by Harvey is not only reasonable, but the right thing to do for our children as they recover from the physical and emotional damages caused by the storm.

(INSERT YOUR PERSONAL STORY AND PROVIDED TALKING POINTS HERE)

Thank you for your service to the State of Texas.

Respectfully,

Your Name

TEMPLATE EMAIL OR LETTER TO LT. GOVERNOR DAN PATRICK

TO: DAN.PATRICK@LTGOV.STATE.TEXAS.GOV, LTGCONSTITUENT.AFFAIRS@LTGOV.STATE.TX.US or visit LTGOV.STATE.TX.US/CONTACT/CONTACT-GENERAL/

SUBJECT: Please Urge TEA Commissioner Morath to Grant ALL Houston Students an Accountability Reprieve

EMAIL BODY:

Dear Lt. Governor Patrick,

I am a Houston resident, taxpayer, and parent to children attending (school) in the Houston Independent School District. (OR IF NOT PARENT—I am a Houston resident and care deeply about the public schools in my community.)

As you know, Hurricane Harvey left a devastating impact on the Houston Independent School District and surrounding communities. Many of our students, teachers, staff, and families are still recovering from the physical and emotional damages caused by one of the worst floods in American history. The storm also imposed an additional burden on the district, which was already facing a budget deficit caused by recapture and other issues.

My request to you is very simple and straightforward. I respectfully ask that, in your capacity as the Lieutenant Governor of Texas, you urge the Texas Education Commissioner to provide a one-year reprieve from accountability and state sanctions for all schools impacted by Hurricane Harvey. A “Not Rated” designation for the 2017-2018 school year for all schools impacted by Harvey is not only reasonable, but the right thing to do for our children as they recover from the physical and emotional damages caused by the storm.

(INSERT YOUR PERSONAL STORY AND PROVIDED TALKING POINTS HERE)

Thank you for your service to the State of Texas.

Respectfully,

Your Name

TEMPLATE EMAIL OR LETTER TO SENATOR LARRY TAYLOR

TO: LARRY.TAYLOR@SENATE.TEXAS.GOV

SUBJECT: Please Fight for ALL Gulf Coast Students Post-Harvey—Accountability Reprieve Needed

EMAIL BODY:

Dear Chairmen Taylor,

I am a Houston resident, taxpayer, and parent to children attending (school) in the Houston Independent School District. (OR IF NOT PARENT—I am a Houston resident and care deeply about the public schools in my community.)

As you know, Hurricane Harvey left a devastating impact on the Houston Independent School District and surrounding communities. Many of our students, teachers, staff, and families are still recovering from the physical and emotional damages caused by one of the worst floods in American history. The storm also imposed an additional burden on the district, which was already facing a budget deficit caused by recapture and other issues.

My request to you is very simple and straightforward. I respectfully ask that, in your capacity as the Senate Education Chair, you urge the Texas Education Commissioner to provide a one-year reprieve from accountability and state sanctions for all schools impacted by Hurricane Harvey. A “Not Rated” designation for the 2017-2018 school year for all schools impacted by Harvey is not only reasonable, but the right thing to do for our children as they recover from the physical and emotional damages caused by the storm.

(INSERT YOUR PERSONAL STORY AND PROVIDED TALKING POINTS HERE)

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Respectfully,

Your Name

TEMPLATE EMAIL OR LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE DAN HUBERTY

TO: DAN.HUBERTY@HOUSE.TEXAS.GOV

SUBJECT: Please Fight for ALL Gulf Coast Students Post-Harvey—Accountability Reprieve Needed

EMAIL BODY:

Dear Chairmen Huberty,

I am a Houston resident, taxpayer, and parent to children attending (school) in the Houston Independent School District. (OR IF NOT PARENT—I am a Houston resident and care deeply about the public schools in my community.)

As you know, Hurricane Harvey left a devastating impact on the Houston Independent School District and surrounding communities. Many of our students, teachers, staff, and families are still recovering from the physical and emotional damages caused by one of the worst floods in American history. The storm also imposed an additional burden on the district, which was already facing a budget deficit caused by recapture and other issues.

My request to you is very simple and straightforward. I respectfully ask that, in your capacity as the House Public Education Committee Chair, you urge the Texas Education Commissioner to provide a one-year reprieve from accountability and state sanctions for all schools impacted by Hurricane Harvey. A “Not Rated” designation for the 2017-2018 school year for all schools impacted by Harvey is not only reasonable, but the right thing to do for our children as they recover from the physical and emotional damages caused by the storm.

(INSERT YOUR PERSONAL STORY AND PROVIDED TALKING POINTS HERE)

Thank you for your service to the State of Texas.

Respectfully,

Your Name

TEMPLATE EMAIL OR LETTER TO SPEAKER STRAUS

TO: SPEAKER STRAUS

SUBJECT: Please Urge TEA Commissioner Morath to Grant ALL Houston Students an
Accountability Reprieve

EMAIL BODY:

Dear Speaker Straus,

I am a Houston resident, taxpayer, and parent to children attending (school) in the Houston Independent School District. (OR IF NOT PARENT—I am a Houston resident and care deeply about the public schools in my community.)

As you know, Hurricane Harvey left a devastating impact on the Houston Independent School District and surrounding communities. Many of our students, teachers, staff, and families are still recovering from the physical and emotional damages caused by one of the worst floods in American history. The storm also imposed an additional burden on the district, which was already facing a budget deficit caused by recapture and other issues.

My request to you is very simple and straightforward. I respectfully ask that, in your capacity as the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, you urge the Texas Education Commissioner to provide a one-year reprieve from accountability and state sanctions for all schools impacted by Hurricane Harvey. A “Not Rated” designation for the 2017-2018 school year for all schools impacted by Harvey is not only reasonable, but the right thing to do for our children as they recover from the physical and emotional damages caused by the storm.

(INSERT YOUR PERSONAL STORY AND PROVIDED TALKING POINTS HERE)

Thank you for your service to the State of Texas.

Respectfully,

Your Name

TEMPLATE EMAIL OR LETTER TO STATE SENATOR/STATE REPRESENTATIVE

TO: STATE SENATOR OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: Please Fight for HISD Students—Accountability Reprieve Needed

EMAIL BODY:

I am a Houston resident, taxpayer, and parent to children attending (school) in the Houston Independent School District. (OR IF NOT PARENT—I am a Houston resident and care deeply about the public schools in our community.)

As you know, Hurricane Harvey left a devastating impact on the Houston Independent School District and surrounding communities. Many of our students, teachers, staff, and families are still recovering from the physical and emotional damages caused by one of the worst floods in American history. The storm also imposed an additional burden on the district, which was already facing a budget deficit caused by recapture and other issues.

My request to you is very simple and straightforward. I respectfully ask that, in your capacity as a lawmaker representing HISD, you urge the Texas Education Commissioner to provide a one-year reprieve from accountability and state sanctions for all schools impacted by Hurricane Harvey. A “Not Rated” designation for the 2017-2018 school year for all schools impacted by Harvey is not only reasonable, but the right thing to do for our children as they recover from the physical and emotional damages caused by the storm.

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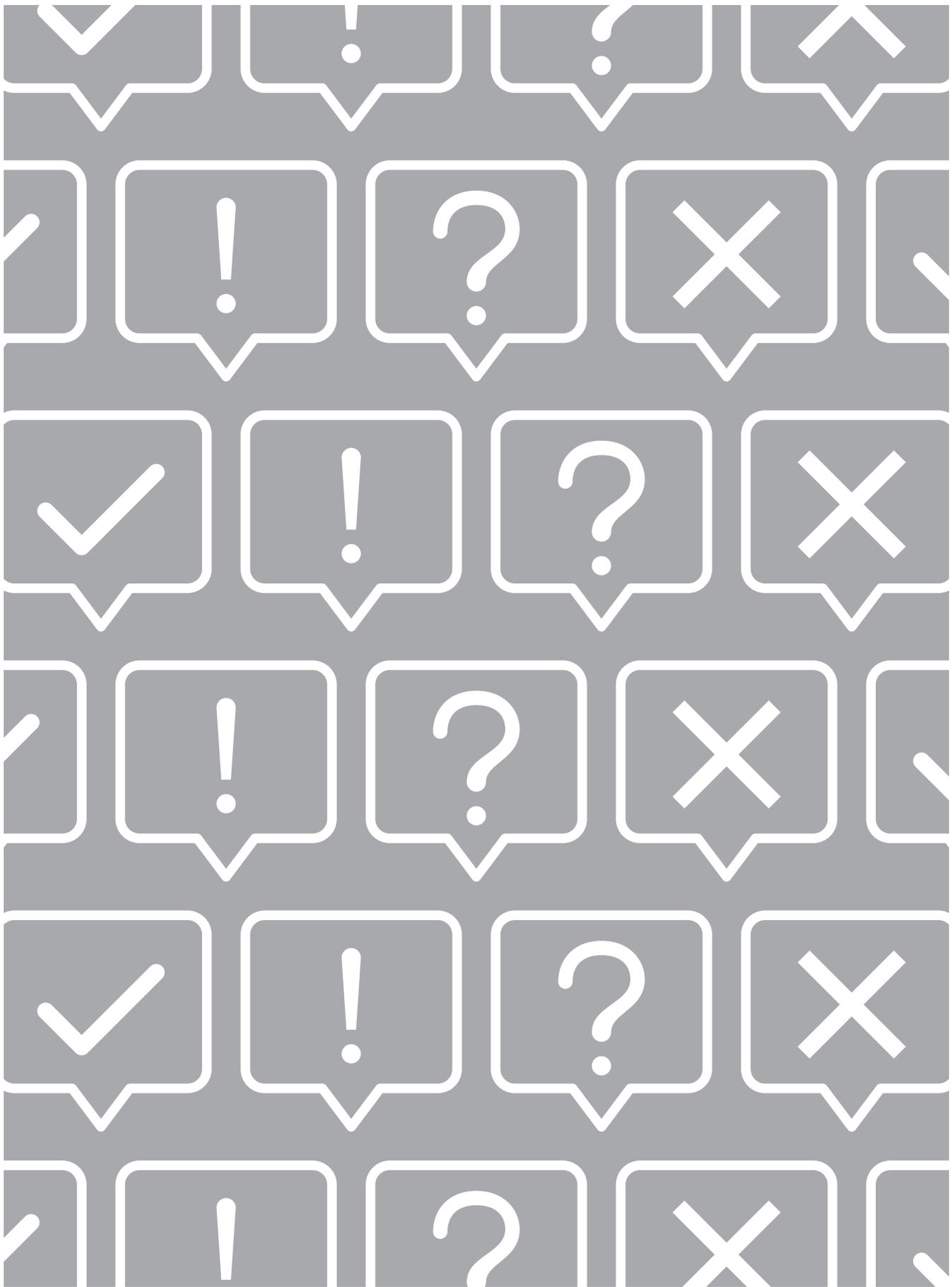
Respectfully,

Your Name

SOCIAL MEDIA 05



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Twitter has over one billion unique visitors each month and has many advantages when seeking to communicate a message to the public. Additionally, it is an effective advocacy tool, as many elected officials and policymakers are now communicating with and taking input from constituents through this platform.

Twitter allows users to send “tweets” containing up to 280 characters (Twitter recently changed the character limit from 140 to 280). Users may “tag” other users in their tweets, and Twitter will notify each user when they have been tagged. Additionally, users may insert “hashtags” in tweets, like #HarveyReprieve, #TxLege, #TXEDStrong. By including hashtags in tweets, users can generate attention to subjects or issues.

BELOW IS A LIST OF TWITTER “HANDLES,” OR ACCOUNTS, FOR RELEVANT STATEWIDE POLICYMAKERS AND HOUSTON–AREA LEGISLATORS:

TEXAS STATEWIDE OFFICIALS

COMMISSIONER MIKE MORATH: [@teainfo](#)

GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT: Use both [@GregAbbott_TX](#) and [@GovAbbott](#)

LT. GOVERNOR DAN PATRICK: Use both [@DanPatrick](#) and [@ltgovtx](#)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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SENATOR LARRY TAYLOR (DISTRICT 11): [@SenLarryTaylor](#)

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GARNET COLEMAN: [@GFColeman](#)

SARAH DAVIS: [@SarahforHD134](#)

HAROLD DUTTON: [@RepHaroldDutton](#)

JESSICA FARRAR: [@JFarrarDist148](#)

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ARMANDO WALLE: [@RepWalle](#)

GENE WU: [@GeneforTexas](#)

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JOAN HUFFMAN: [@joanhuffman](#)

BORRIS MILES: [@BorrisLMiles](#)

JOHN WHITMIRE: [@whitmire_john](#)

Below are examples of tweets you may choose to send to policymakers. Be sure to “tag” them by including their “handle” in the tweets. In addition to the samples below, please use the talking points provided for emails and letters or share your personal story. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE COURTEOUS AND CONCISE, AND THAT ALL TWEETS ARE PUBLIC.**

SAMPLE TWEET:

In the aftermath of #HurricaneHarvey, #HISD and Gulf Coast students need a reprieve from state accountability. Support our children @teainfo @mikemorath and @GregAbbott_TX #HarveyReprieve #TXEdStrong #HISDStrong

SAMPLE TWEET:

#HISD and Gulf Coast families and children are still recovering from the impacts of #HurricaneHarvey. A one-year reprieve from state accountability & sanctions is the right thing to do. @teainfo @GregAbbott_TX @DanPatrick #HISDStrong

SAMPLE TWEET:

Texas students and teachers need a one-year reprieve from state accountability & sanctions in the aftermath of #HurricaneHarvey. @GregAbbott_TX @DanPatrick can provide much needed help to #Houston students by urging Commissioner @mikemorath to immediately act. #HISDStrong

SAMPLE TWEET:

As education committee chairmen, @DanHuberty and @SenLarryTaylor are in a unique position to help Gulf Coast families. Please urge Education Commissioner @mikemorath to grant ALL #HurricaneHarvey impacted students a one-year accountability reprieve & sanctions. @teainfo #HISDStrong

SAMPLE TWEET:

Continue fighting for Gulf Coast students and teachers recovering from the devastation of #HurricaneHarvey. Please urge @teainfo Commissioner @mikemorath to grant an accountability reprieve. @joanhuffman @sarahforHD134 @GregAbbott_TX #HISDStrong

SAMPLE TWEET:

Our students aren't afraid of accountability. But a one-year reprieve is reasonable. Support our children impacted by #HurricaneHarvey @teainfo @DanPatrick @GregAbbott_TX #HarveyReprieve #TXEdStrong #HISDStrong

SAMPLE TWEET:

Texans are strong. But our children are still hurting from #Harvey. Support impacted students by providing them with a one-year reprieve in state accountability. @teainfo @DanHuberty @SenLarryTaylor #HISDStrong

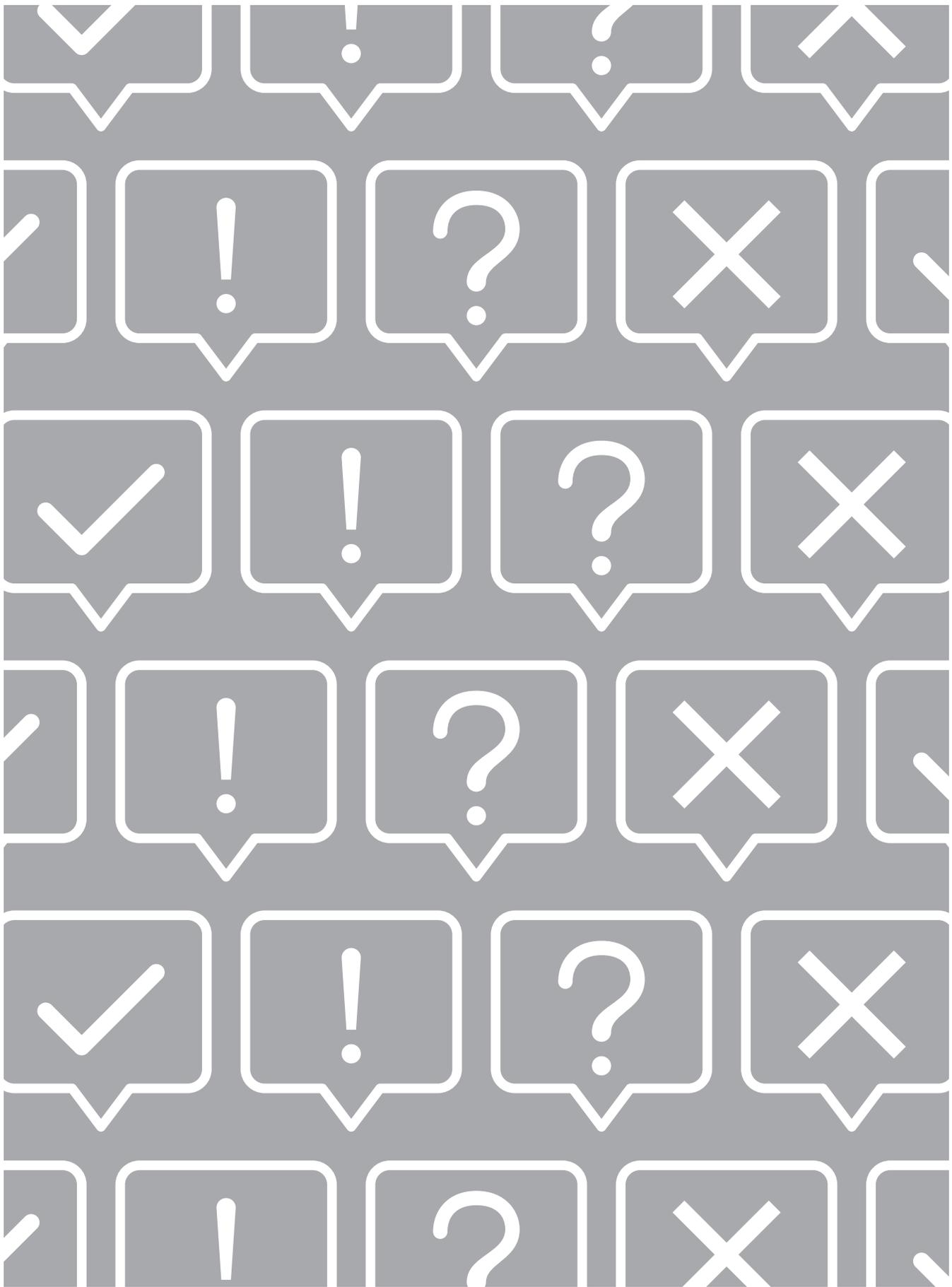
SAMPLE TWEET:

Thank you for your leadership during and after #HurricaneHarvey @GregAbbott_TX. It's time to step up for Gulf Coast students with a one-year reprieve in accountability and sanctions. #HarveyReprieve #TXEdStrong @teainfo #HISDStrong

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