

VOTE Yes on HB 3092

May 15, 2007

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

**The Texas Democratic Women from Kerr County
Urge you to VOTE YES and pass HB 3092 out of committee.
Please see the attached letters with 41 signatures.**

Thank you.

May 1, 2007

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Texas 80th Legislative Session

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The Kerrville Independent School District could not receive a recognized or exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency due to Tivy High School's unacceptable rating. Tivy had been acceptable the year before and the district was recognized. A school district's rating can affect everything from school funding to property values.

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Thank you,

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