

Good morning. My name is Chuck Cook and I am the CEO of Responsive Education Solutions. I want to express my sincere appreciation for your invitation today, and your interest in studying charter schools.

Responsive Education Solutions operates 36 campuses around the state of Texas. Having spent 4 years running an adult education ministry on the streets of Los Angeles, my initial focus in Texas was dropout recovery charter high schools. As I learned in my dealings with the undereducated adult population on the streets of LA, every student we enrolled would have a completely different profile – a completely different set of needs. The only way we could help them was on an individualized basis. It was in this arena that we developed individualized curriculum that could meet the needs of this extremely diverse population. I believe this is the first reason we are successful.

At every Premier High School, as soon as a student enrolls, we administer assessments to determine that students' profile: are they:

***On grade level?**

***Behind – and if so, how far?**

***Looking to recover only 2 credits and don't want to stay an entire year in a traditional ISD to do so?**

***Wanting to graduate early?**

Once we determine the student's status, we develop specific Goal Plans for graduation. We do this for every

single one of our high school students, and every single Goal Plan is different. The students work in a classroom setting and conduct their individualized studies based on his/her Goal Plan. This leads me to the second reason we are successful: the one-on-one attention we are able to give our students. Because the student is working on his own to achieve his personal Goal Plan, our teachers are able to spend quality one-on-one time assisting every individual who needs help.

Our success with the dropout recovery population led us to realize that every student can be successful with this individualized, one-on-one approach to learning. I hope you will take a minute to refer to your handout on our Responsive Ed scores. We now operate 6 Vista elementary schools - 4 of which are exemplary and 2 recognized. Our only Standard Accountability High School – iSchool High - was exemplary last year in its first year of operation. Finally, every one of our Premier High School campuses received the highest possible rating last year of AEA academically acceptable, and 81-96% of all their TAKS tests taken were passed or projected to pass last year.

Thank you so much for your time today. I am happy to answer any of your questions.