

**Texas Education Agency**  
**Letter of Intent to Seek Access to Benefits Under TX SB 1882**  
**January 2018**

District	Ector County Independent School District
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Submission Date	February 15, 2018

**Instructions:**

Districts must submit the letter of intent by 5pm on February 15th, 2018. Each district should complete one LOI. Please complete the LOI and submit to the TEA using the following steps:

- Save the file as a PDF
- Name the file – [SB Letter of Intent\_Insert District Name]
- Email the attached file to [dssi@tea.texas.gov](mailto:dssi@tea.texas.gov) with the subject line as follows - [SB Letter of Intent\_Insert District Name]

**Authorization Practices:**

SB 1882 states that in order to be eligible to access the benefits described in SB 1882, the partnered campus must be granted a charter under Subchapter C, Chapter 12. As such, districts must adopt Subchapter C policies and utilize authorizing processes.

<b>1. Has the district authorized a charter school campus under TEC, Chapter 12, Subchapter C prior to 2018?</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
If yes, list the names of charter campuses authorized, the organization that holds the charter, and the year that the campus was authorized by the district.		
Charter School Name	Charter Operator	Year Authorized

<b>2. Does the district have a board-adopted Subchapter C charter policy?</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, will amendments to the policy be necessary to meet the quality criteria established by TEA?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If no, will the district adopt the model policy provided by TEA?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
When will the district's charter policy be adopted?	

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<b>3. Does the district have a charter application?</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>If yes, will amendments to the application be necessary to meet the quality criteria established by TEA?</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>If no, will the district adopt the model application provided by TEA?</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes with Modifications <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>When will the district's charter application be adopted?</b>	February 13, 2018

**2018 District Authorizing Process:**

<p><b>4. Describe the timeline and process, including key dates, that the district will undertake to evaluate and authorize partners in to operate a district campus under TX SB 1882 for the school year 2018-2019.</b></p>
<p>Feb 13 – Feb 28: Accept Applications for Interested Parties  Feb 28 – March 6: Form Application Committee  March 6 – March 30: Review Committee Reviews Proposals from Applicants  April 1 – April 8: Review Committee Conducts Capacity Interviews  April 10: Review Committee Makes Recommendations to Superintendent  April 17: Superintendent Makes Recommendation to the Board of Trustees  April 24: Board Votes on Final Applicant  April 30: Contract Sent to Texas Education Agency</p>

**Partnership Proposal(s):**

<b>5. What types of charter partnerships are proposed for 2018?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Turnaround Partnership w/ Campus in Improvement Required (IR) status <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation Partnership w/ Campus not in IR <input type="checkbox"/> New School Partnership to establish a new campus (with a unique school ID)		
<b>If known, identify the existing district schools that have been designated for participation in a Turnaround or Innovation Charter Partnership.</b>		
Campus Name (CDCN)	2017-18 Accountability Rating	Consecutive Years in IR Status (if applicable)
Ector Middle School	Improvement Required	5
Zavala Elementary	Improvement Required	5
Noel Elementary	Improvement Required	5

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**6. What types of charter operating partners will be considered for SY2018-19?**

Existing Operators (i.e., Texas Open-Enrollment Charter School or University)  
 Texas State-Authorized Open-Enrollment Charter School (Subchapter D)  
 University Charter School (Subchapter E)

New Operators  
 Institute of Higher Education (does not currently hold a Subchapter E charter)  
 Non-Profit (operates charter schools in other states)  
 Non-Profit (has not operated schools previously)  
 Governmental Entity

**7. Has the district begun recruiting partners to operate a charter school for school year 2018-9 under TX SB 1882?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please identify organizations that have been recruited.**

Operating Partner	Operator Type (see list in item 6, above)	Proposed District School Partner (if applicable)
<i>Great Non-Profit</i>	<i>New Operator (operates charter schools in other states)</i>	<i>Texas High School</i>
University of Texas Permian Basin	University Charter School (Subchapter E)	
Texas Tech University	Institute of Higher Learning	
Odessa College	Institute of Higher Learning	

**8. Is the district seeking an accountability exemption(s) related to a campus with an IR3 (or greater) designation?**

Yes  No

**9. Does the district intends to contract with the partner to operate the campus? This includes giving the operating partner the authority to:**

- Appoint and manage the campus principal (or equivalent)
- Manage the campus budget
- Assign, hire, and manage campus staff
- Set the daily and yearly schedule and calendar
- Determine the campus curriculum in alignment with the proposed education plan

Yes  No