

July 15, 2026

To the Administrator Addressed:

Subject: Notification of Local Revenue Level in Excess of Entitlement for School Year 2026-2027

Background

Pursuant to Texas Education Code (TEC),¹ §§48.257 and 49.004, this letter notifies your district of the determination by the Texas Education Agency (TEA or agency) that your district's Tier One local share under TEC, §48.256, will exceed the district's entitlement under TEC, §48.266(a)(1), less the district's distribution from the state available school fund, and/or the district's Tier Two local share described by TEC, §48.266(a)(5)(B), will exceed the amount described by TEC, §48.202(a-1)(2), for school year 2026-2027. This allows your district to move forward with preparation for an election under TEC, Chapter 49, if necessary.

Estimates

As established in TEC, §48.269, determinations for districts subject to recapture are based on estimates of enrollment for school year 2026-2027 and estimated property values for tax year 2026. Because the agency does not yet have final state certified property values for tax year 2026, the agency is using 2025 state certified property values increased by 3.60% in accordance with the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act.

Determination

Based on these estimates, your district's estimated local yield per penny per student in weighted average daily attendance (WADA) exceeds the Tier Two (level two) guaranteed yield of \$49.72. Your district will be required to reduce its excess local revenue level for the 2026-2027 school year using one or more of the statutory options available.

The enclosed report provides information about the calculations affecting your district. It calculates Tier One and Tier Two (level two) excess local revenue, as established in TEC, §48.257.

¹ Except as noted, statutory citations refer to the Texas Education Code, as amended by the 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session 2025.

Options to Reduce Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement

A district with local revenue in excess of entitlement has the following five options available to reduce the district's revenue level under TEC, Chapter 49:

- 1) Consolidation with another district as provided by Subchapter B;
- 2) Detachment of territory as provided by Subchapter C;
- 3) Purchase of average daily attendance credit as provided by Subchapter D ("Option 3");
- 4) Education of nonresident students as provided by Subchapter E ("Option 4"); and/or
- 5) Tax base consolidation with another district as provided by Subchapter F.

Districts have historically selected Option 3. Successful elections conducted under TEC, former Chapter 41, carry over into TEC, Chapter 49.

Provisions in TEC, §48.257(c), allow districts to offset the reduction of excess local revenue against TEC, Chapter 48 funds. All districts will have the option to use state aid calculated under TEC, Chapter 48, that is not described by TEC, §48.266(a)(3) as an offset to their attendance credit for purposes of reducing their local revenue level. Districts using this option are required to submit the District Intent/Choice Selection form and complete an Option 3 netting contract, which can be found in the *Options and Procedures for Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement 2026-2027 School Year* and on the [Excess Local Revenue webpage](#).

To avoid any delays in the approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding), it is recommended that your district's school board delegate authority to obligate the school district under TEC, Chapter 49, to the superintendent, and the superintendent would then submit the contract via the Excess Local Revenue (ELR) module of the online Foundation School Program (FSP) system in Texas Education Agency Login ([TEAL](#)). **Contracts must be submitted through the FSP ELR module to ensure a complete and auditable record.**

Additional information about elections, as well as sample ballot proposition language, is provided in the *Options and Procedures for Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement 2026-2027 School Year*. You may also wish to call the Office of the Texas Secretary of State at 1-800-252-8683 or visit that office's website at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/> for assistance with election calendars and procedures.

Action Required

Upon receipt of this letter, your district must submit the district intent/choice selection form through the Excess Local Revenue module of the online FSP system to TEA, indicating which option the district intends to use to reduce local revenue in excess of entitlement for school year 2026-2027. According to TEC, §49.004(c), as a district that has been notified of local revenue in excess of entitlement, your district may not adopt a tax rate for tax year 2026 until the Commissioner of Education certifies that your district has reduced the district's local revenue level in excess of entitlement to the level established under TEC, §48.257. The agency will certify your district's compliance upon review of your district's intent/choice selection

form, and **approval is contingent upon** TEA's determination of the district's maximum compressed tax rate via the Local Property Value Survey (LPVS) module.

The LPVS module of the FSP system in TEAL is scheduled to open on July 18, 2026, and close on August 1, 2026. The agency will use the locally estimated property growth rates to calculate estimates of comptroller-certified property values used for state funding purposes (i.e., "T2" property values) and then calculate and make available the maximum compressed Tier One tax rates (MCRs) in August of 2026. **Districts must wait until receiving both the agency's approval of the district intent and the agency's determination of the district's MCR before proceeding with tax rate adoption.**²

For detailed information on all the procedures your district is required to follow to reduce local revenue in excess of entitlement, the *Options and Procedures for Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement 2026-2027 School Year*, will be available on the [TEA Excess Local Revenue webpage](#) in the coming months.

Final Determination Regarding Payment of Excess Local Revenue

TEA will make a final determination regarding the payment of excess local revenue using the district's final enrollment, entitlement and local share under TEC, Chapter 48, final state certified property values for tax year 2026, adopted maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate for tax year 2026, and M&O taxes collected by your district in 2027.

For more information, please see the [Excess Local Revenue webpage](#), or contact Akila Jagadeesan in the State Funding Division at (512) 463-9979 or recapture@tea.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

² Except as allowable under provisions contained in Senate Bill 2 of the 89th Texas Legislature, Second Called Session 2025.