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Michael Williams

Executive Director

July 5, 2013

Dr. Jamie Wilson, Superintendent
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Subject: 2013 Local Educational Agency (LEA) Determination Process

Dear Dr. Wilson:

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) §616, States are required to make annual determinations about the performance of the LEAs using the categories of Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, and Needs Substantial Intervention. As implied, these categories represent various intensities of required technical assistance and/or intervention. States are required to make a Determination using these categories for every LEA within the state on an annual basis.

In making these Determinations, states are required to consider the following federally required elements:

1. Performance on State Performance Plan (SPP) compliance indicators;
2. Submission of valid, reliable, and timely data;
3. Uncorrected noncompliance from other sources (complaints resolution, due process, and monitoring); and
4. Any financial audit findings

Note: Due to the unavailability of financial audit information, this data element will not be included in the 2013 Determinations Process. However, districts will be noticed during the fall of the 2013-14 school year of the specific data sources and methodology for the inclusion of any financial audit findings as part of the 2014 LEA Determinations.

States may choose to include additional elements in making Determinations. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has incorporated the following state defined elements:

5. Performance-Based Monitoring (PBM) Stage of Intervention for the special education program area.
6. Significant Disproportionality

Note: Due to the change in methodology, this data element will not be included in the 2013 Determinations Process.

Attached you will find the 2013 LEA Determination Report for your LEA. The TEA appreciates the efforts of LEAs achieving the Determination status of Meets Requirements for this year and past years. No further action is required of LEAs with the Determination status of Meets Requirements. LEAs with a Determination status of Needs Intervention or Needs Substantial Intervention may appeal their Determination. Additional information about the LEA Determination Process, including the appeals process, can be found on the TEA website at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/>.

Eligibility to Reduce Maintenance of Effort (MOE)

Under IDEA §616(f) (34 CFR §300.608(a)), if, in making its annual Determinations, the state educational agency (SEA) determines that any LEA is not meeting the requirements of Part B, including meeting compliance targets in the state's performance plan (SPP) Indicators 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, the SEA must prohibit that LEA from reducing its MOE under IDEA §613(a)(2)(C) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Therefore, if the LEA's Determination status is Meets the Requirements, the LEA is eligible to voluntarily reduce MOE for the 2013-2014 fiscal year based on the flexibility option of 34 CFR §300.205. If the LEA's Determination status is Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, the LEA is not eligible to voluntarily reduce MOE for the 2013-2014 fiscal year based on the flexibility option of 34 CFR §300.205.

The LEA's Determination status is Meets Requirements, and therefore eligible to reduce MOE. LEAs are encouraged to retain a copy of this letter and the enclosed LEA Determination Report for audit purposes, if the LEA plans to reduce MOE. LEAs achieving the Determination status of Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention must continue implementing activities associated with existing continuous improvement plans, including seeking technical assistance from regional education service centers and/or other technical assistance providers. The TEA will disseminate information to LEAs concerning any additional required actions related to a Determination level of Needs Assistance or lower.

The LEA Determination Process is not subject to public reporting by the TEA; however, LEAs are strongly encouraged to share this information with their communities by including the information on the LEA's website, in a public notice in a local newspaper, or by communicating it through some other means. In addition, this information is subject to disclosure under the Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Government Code.

If you have any questions concerning the LEA Determination Process, please contact the Division of Federal and State Education Policy at (512) 463-9414.

Sincerely,



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Associate Commissioner
Standards and Programs

cc: LEA Special Education Director
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2013 LEA Determination Status: Meets Requirements

LEA eligibility status to voluntarily reduce MOE: eligible

The following areas were reviewed in making the LEA's Determination status:

Determination Elements	Rating
1. State Performance Plan (SPP) Compliance Indicators	0
2. Valid, Reliable, and Timely Data	0
3. Status of Uncorrected Noncompliance	1
4. Financial Audits *	0
5. Program Effectiveness	0
6. Significant Disproportionality *	0
Total	1

* See 2013 LEA Methodology document at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/leadeterminations>

Crosswalk of Rating Scale to Determination Level

Determination Level	Total Rating Points
Meets Requirements	0 -1 Points
Needs Assistance	2 Points
Needs Intervention	3 Points
Needs Substantial Intervention	4 or more Points

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July 25, 2013

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Subject: 2013 Determination Level Report Change

Dear Dr. Wilson:

This correspondence is to inform you of a change to the Denton ISD 2013 Determination Level Report. Based on an internal data review of data calculations provided for Determination Element 3, it was determined that your district should not have been awarded a point for this element and therefore warrants a change to your overall determination point total. The district's Determination Level will remain "Meets Requirements". Please find attached, the revised 2013 Local Educational Agency (LEA) Determination Report for Denton ISD. Information regarding any required actions related to the determination level is available on the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/leadeterminations/>

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