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Jack C. Damron
Executive Director

December 21, 2012

Commissioner Michael L. Williams
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Commissioner Williams:

During a duly called meeting of the Region One Education Service Center Board of Directors held on Friday, December 21, 2012, the Board took official action to request a waiver to allow Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr., ESC Board Member, Place 5-Cameron County, to complete his current term of office on the ESC Board, which is scheduled to expire in June of 2014. The rationale for the waiver request is that Mr. Cortez will be assuming his role on the State Board of Education in January, and has expressed an interest in serving concurrently on both Boards through his current term on the Region One ESC Board.

The requested waiver relates specifically to Section 53.1001(b)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code regarding Regional Education Service Center Board of Directors qualifications and election procedures, which states, "He or she may not be engaged professionally in education or be a member of a board of any educational agency or institution." This is the administrative rule that our ESC Board has requested to be waived. If approved, such action would allow Mr. Cortez to complete his current term on the Region One ESC Board, ending June, 2014, while serving on the State Board of Education, District 2.

Thank you for your consideration of this waiver request.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Requenez, Chairperson
Region One Education Service Center Board of Directors



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Michael L. Williams
Commissioner

January 8, 2013

Ms. Alicia Requenez, Chairperson
Region One Education Service Center Board of Directors
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Dear Ms. Requenez:

Your communication of December 21, 2012, requesting a waiver of Section 53.1001(b)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), has been received and reviewed. Approval of the waiver, as requested by the Region One Education Service Center Board of Directors, would allow Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr. to serve concurrently as a board member for both the Region One Education Service Center as well as the District 2 representative on the State Board of Education (SBOE).

After careful review by agency staff, your waiver request is approved. The waiver will expire at the end of June, 2014, when the term of Mr. Cortez as a Region One Education Service Center board member will expire. The waiver will only cover Mr. Cortez, Jr.

I thank you and your fellow board members in serving the students of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael L. Williams', is written over the typed name and title.

Michael L. Williams
Commissioner of Education

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