

August 12, 2021

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Dr. Jerry Gibson, Superintendent
Galveston Independent School District
PO BOX 660
Galveston, TX 77553-0660

Re: Intent to Reduce District's Local Revenue Level

Dear Dr. Gibson:

Thank you for informing us of the Galveston Independent School District's intent to exercise Option 3 in order to reduce the district's revenue level in excess of entitlement for the 2021-2022 school year.

Please be advised that a signed Option 3 **Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit** must be received by January 15, 2022.

The district may proceed with its tax rate adoption process once the Texas Education Agency has determined the district's maximum compressed tax rate via the Local Property Value Survey subsystem of the Foundation School Program system in the Texas Education Agency Login (TEAL).

Please refer to the *Options and Procedures for District's with Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement* for the 2021-2022 school year for information regarding other fiscal, procedural, and administrative requirements for districts with excess local revenue. Questions should be addressed to Kim Wall by email at recapture@tea.texas.gov or by phone at (512) 463-4809.

Sincerely,



Leo Lopez
Associate Commissioner for School Finance & Chief School Finance Officer

July 15, 2021

To the Administrator Addressed:

Subject: Notification of Local Revenue Level in Excess of Entitlement for School Year 2021–2022

Background

Pursuant to the 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 the TEC, §48.256, will exceed the district's entitlement under the 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 the TEC, §48.266(a)(5)(B), will exceed the amount described by the TEC, §48.202(a-1)(2), for school year 2021–2022. This allows your district to move forward with preparation for an election under the TEC, Chapter 49, if necessary.

Estimates

As established in the TEC, §48.269, determinations for districts subject to recapture are based on estimates of enrollment for school year 2021–2022 and estimated property values for tax year 2021. Because the agency does not yet have final state certified property values for tax year 2021, the agency is using 2020 state certified property values increased by 1.84%, in accordance with the 2021–2022 General Appropriations Act, as a proxy for tax year 2021.

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 \$49.28. Your district will be required to reduce its excess local revenue level for the 2021–2022 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 the TEC, §48.257.

¹ Except as noted, statutory citations refer to the Texas Education Code, as amended by House Bill 1525 and other acts of the 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2021).

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 the 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 the TEC, former Chapter 41, carry over into the TEC, Chapter 49.

Provisions in the TEC, §48.257(c), allow districts to offset the reduction of excess local revenue against the TEC, Chapter 48 funds. All districts will have the option to use state aid calculated under the TEC, Chapter 48, that is not described by the 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 2021–2022 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 the TEC, Chapter 49, to the superintendent, and the superintendent would then submit the contract via the Excess Local Revenue subsystem of the online Foundation School Program (FSP) system in Texas Education Agency Login ([TEAL](#)). Please do not mail the original hard copy contract to TEA.

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 2021–2022 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 subsystem 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 2021–2022. According to the 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 2021 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 the 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 subsystem.

The Local Property Value Survey subsystem of the FSP system in TEAL is scheduled to open on July 18, 2021, and close on August 1. 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 2020. **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.**

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 2021–2022 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 the TEC, Chapter 48, final state certified property values for tax year 2021, adopted maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate for tax year 2021, and M&O taxes collected by your district in 2021–2022.

For more information, please see the [Excess Local Revenue webpage](#), or contact Kim Wall in the State Funding Division at (512) 463-4809 or recapture@tea.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



Leo Lopez, RTSBA
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Enclosures