August 25, 2015

TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 (School Year 2014-2015) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B (IDEA-B) Local Educational Agency (LEA) Maintenance of Effort (MOE)

In spring 2016, TEA will issue FY 2015 IDEA-B LEA MOE compliance determinations that will compare 2014–2015 to 2013–2014 school year data. This letter provides a reminder about required reporting, along with links to IDEA-B LEA MOE resources.

School Health and Related Services Reporting Requirement

On July 29, 2015, TEA posted a letter to the TEA Correspondence page concerning the School Health and Related Services (SHARS) reporting requirement for LEAs. You must complete and submit the SHARS Reimbursement Report Form through the GFFC Reports and Data Collections secure application, even if you did not participate in the SHARS program. The SHARS Reimbursement Report Form will be available by mid-September 2015. You must submit the form no later than October 2015.

To access, complete, and submit the form, the personnel responsible for IDEA-B LEA MOE at your LEA must have access to GFFC Reports and Data Collections, accessible through TEA's TEASE/TEAL secure application. Refer to the Access to TEA Secure Applications page of the TEA website for instructions on how to apply for access to GFFC Reports and Data Collections.

IDEA-B LEA MOE Compliance Determinations

Starting with the FY 2015 determinations to be issued in spring 2016, TEA will use data from the SHARS Reimbursement Report Form, Public Education Information Management System, and Summary of Finance to calculate IDEA-B LEA MOE compliance determinations.

You will use GFFC Reports and Data Collections to submit the SHARS Reimbursement Report Form, access your IDEA-B LEA MOE compliance determination, and, if applicable, submit documentation to support federal statutory exceptions or adjustment to fiscal effort for TEA to use in making its final IDEA-B LEA MOE compliance determination.

IDEA-B LEA MOE Calculation Tool

Please review the revised IDEA-B LEA MOE Calculation Tool which now includes a line item to account for the amount expended in the special education program reported in the SHARS Reimbursement Form. TEA’s IDEA-B LEA MOE Calculation Tool is available on the IDEA-B LEA MOE page of TEA website.
For Further Information

To sign up for bulletins related to the IDEA-B LEA MOE requirement, including information regarding upcoming training opportunities, subscribe to the Grants and Federal Program Compliance topic from the TEA Updates page of the TEA website.

For further information on the IDEA-B LEA MOE requirement, refer to TEA’s IDEA-B LEA MOE Guidance Handbook available on the IDEA-B LEA MOE page of TEA website.

With additional questions regarding IDEA-B LEA MOE, contact the Division of Federal Fiscal Compliance and Reporting at (512) 463-9127 or compliance@tea.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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