



# To the Administrator Addressed

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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>October 11, 2109</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Senate Bill 1882 Texas Partnerships Applications</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>SB 1882 Partnerships</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Share with appropriate staff</b>

Pursuant to Senate Bill 1882, 85<sup>th</sup> Regular Legislative Session, school districts can access potential financial and/or accountability benefits by entering into a partnership with a non-profit, institution of higher education, or other governmental entity to manage a district campus or set of campuses.

### **Deadline for Submission for Texas Partnership Benefits**

There will be one deadline for districts to submit their Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for partnerships beginning operation in SY2020-2021. The deadline is: **on or before 5:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.**

### **Mandatory Letter of Intent**

Districts that are considering pursuing a Texas Partnership for SY2020-2021 are required to submit a non-binding Letter of Intent **by Friday, November 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. CST**. Districts can submit the Letter of Intent by completing this [online form](#). TEA will not accept a Texas Partnerships Benefit application package from a district unless the district has completed a Letter of Intent by the required deadline.

### **Mandatory Training Webinar for Districts and Proposed or Potential Operating Partners**

Districts that intend to submit a Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package and their proposed or potential operating partners must each attend a mandatory training webinar.

TEA will not accept a Texas Partnerships Benefit application from a district unless the district has attended one of the two training webinars offered for districts. Required attendees from the district are the superintendent or a cabinet member.

TEA will not accept a Texas Partnerships Benefits application from a district unless their proposed or potential operating partner has attended one of the two training webinars offered for proposed or potential operating partners. Required attendees from the proposed or potential operating partner are a board member or a full-time staff employee of the partner organization.

The training session options, all to take place via webinar, are listed below:

<b>Mandatory Training Opportunities</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>
District Training #1	Friday, December 13, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.
District Training #2	Friday, January 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
Proposed or Potential Operating Partner Training #1	Friday, January 24, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
Proposed or Potential Operating Partner Training #2	Friday, February 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Registration instructions for the training sessions will be sent to districts after they submit a Letter of Intent.

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### **Summary of Important Dates Related to Texas Partnerships**

<b>Key Activities</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>
Mandatory Letter of Intent due	Friday, November 15, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.
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Texas Partnership Benefits Application Package due	Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

### **Additional Information**

Additional information and resources regarding Texas Partnerships may found at [www.txpartnerships.org](http://www.txpartnerships.org). The website will be updated regularly.

### **Contact**

Please contact the Division of System Support and Innovation with additional questions via [DSSI@tea.texas.gov](mailto:DSSI@tea.texas.gov).