



## To the Administrator Addressed

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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>April 8, 2021</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 district and campus administrators</b>

Pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 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.

This correspondence outlines required actions and application due dates for Texas Partnerships (SB 1882) benefits that begin in the 2022-2023 or 2023-2024 school year.

- **Applications for benefits that begin in 2022-2023 are due March 31, 2022.**
- **Applications for benefits that begin in 2023-24 are due December 16, 2022.** The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will implement a new timeline for benefits that begin in 2023-2024, and the agency is sharing these dates in advance to ensure districts can plan and receive necessary supports.

### **Application for Texas Partnerships benefits that begin in 2022-2023**

#### **Deadline for submission for Texas Partnerships benefits that begin in 2022-2023**

The deadline for districts to submit their Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package to TEA for partnerships beginning operation in school year (SY) 2022-2023 is **5:00 p.m. (Central Time) on Thursday, March 31, 2022.**

#### **Required Actions for Benefits Eligibility**

To be eligible to receive Texas Partnership benefits, districts must:

- Submit a non-binding Letter of Intent;
- Attend mandatory training webinars;
- Adopt and implement the TEA model charter authorizing policy or a similar policy approved by TEA;
- Adopt and implement the TEA model campus charter application or a similar application and scoring rubric approved by TEA; and
- Submit the application for benefits by March 31, 2022.

Each of these requirements are detailed in the sections below.

#### ***Mandatory Letter of Intent for benefits that begin in 2022-2023***

Districts that are considering pursuing a Texas Partnership for SY 2022-2023 are required to submit a non-binding Letter of Intent **by Friday, October 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. (Central Time)**. Districts submit the Letter of Intent by completing this [online form](#). TEA will not accept a Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package from a district unless the district has completed a Letter of Intent by the required deadline.

#### ***Local Authorizing Policy and Local Campus Application Approval for benefits that begin in 2022-2023***

Districts that are not using the TEA model charter authorizing policy, TEA model campus charter application, or TEA model scoring rubric must have these locally developed items approved prior to submitting the application for Texas Partnership benefits. These materials are submitted via email to [TXP@tea.texas.gov](mailto:TXP@tea.texas.gov) and are due **by Friday, October 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. (Central Time)**. Model documents and eligibility requirements for district-created documents can be found at <https://txpartnerships.org/tools/>.

**Mandatory Webinars for Districts and Proposed Operating Partners for benefits that begin in 2022-2023**

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

TEA will not accept a Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package from a district unless the district has attended:

- one of the four training webinars offered for districts; and
- one of the four training webinars on performance contracts.

Required attendees from the district are the superintendent or a cabinet member.

TEA will not accept a Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package from a district unless its proposed or potential operating partner has attended:

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A required attendee from the proposed or potential operating partner is 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. Participants must register prior to the webinar, and registration links can be found on the [Texas Partnerships website](#).

<b>Mandatory Webinars</b>	<b>Dates</b>
District Training	District representatives will attend one of the following sessions (webinars start at 10:00 a.m.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday, June 11, 2021</li><li>• Friday, June 18, 2021</li><li>• Friday, October 1, 2021</li><li>• Friday, October 8, 2021</li></ul>
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**Summary of Important Dates Related to Texas Partnerships for benefits that begin in 2022-2023**

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**Additional Information**

Additional information and resources regarding Texas Partnerships, including model documents and rubrics that outline benefits eligibility requirements, may be found at [www.txpartnerships.org](http://www.txpartnerships.org).

**Contact**

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