

## To the Administrator Addressed

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| DATE:       | February 3, 2022   |
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| SUBJECT:    | ADSY COVID Staffing Waiver Request for 2021-2022 COVID-related |
|             | School Closures  |
| CATEGORY:   | Additional Days School Year (ADSY)                             |
| NEXT STEPS: | Submit ADSY Waiver Request form as needed                      |

To ensure campuses planning to utilize Additional Days School Year (ADSY) funding are able to meet the ADSY 180 instructional day requirement in light of current COVID-19 school closures, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will be granting waivers at the campus level for missed instructional days resulting from COVID-19 due to low numbers of staff necessary for the operation of schools and for the instruction of students.

## **ADSY COVID Staffing Waiver Request**

Local educational agencies (LEAs) who miss instructional days that otherwise would have counted for the ADSY 180-day requirement will be eligible for up to 5 waiver days in the 2021-2022 school year for campuses planning to utilize ADSY funding. LEAs must submit a form to request a waiver for eligible campuses and describe the staff situation with a clear rationale for the need to not provide in-person instruction due to the impact of COVID-19 on campus staff.

Note: This waiver does not waive the operational minute requirement for LEAs. LEAs submitting a request for the ADSY COVID Staffing Waiver must still meet the 75,600 operational minutes requirement for all campuses included in their waiver.

## What are the next steps?

LEAs who need to submit an ADSY COVID Staffing Waiver Request should complete and submit this <u>form</u>. LEAs may resubmit the form later in the year in the event of new, unplanned closures due to COVID staffing considerations, for up to five total allotted days per campus.

## Contact

Please submit questions about the Additional Days School Year COVID Staffing Waiver Request to ADSY@tea.texas.gov.