



To the Administrator Addressed

Commissioner Mike Morath

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DATE:	March 30, 2023
SUBJECT:	USDE Funding Waiver
CATEGORY:	Notice of Public Comment
NEXT STEPS:	Share with LEA leadership and submit applicable comments by Thursday, April 13, 2023

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to request that the United States Department of Education (USDE) extend the duration of a subgrant to a local educational agency (LEA) under Section 1003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) from four to five years. Under ESEA, Section 1003(c), a state education agency (SEA) may award Section 1003 funds to an LEA to support an identified school for up to four years. However, due to the impacts of COVID-19, some Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), and Additional Targeted Support Identification (ATSI) schools currently in their fourth year of the subgrant period will need additional time to implement school improvement interventions.

Consequently, TEA, as the SEA for Texas, would like to request a waiver to extend the allowable duration of the subgrant period from four to five years for LEAs with schools that were implementing ESEA, Section 1003 subgrants in the school year 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023.

TEA is seeking input from a diverse group of stakeholders to ensure that this request is responsive to the needs of students, families, and educators across the state.

Please submit any feedback via TEA's [Stakeholder Engagement Survey](#) by 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2023, so feedback may be reviewed prior to inclusion in the state's USDE Funding Waiver.

Contact

For support or additional information on submitting your input, please contact the Division of School Improvement at Sldivision@tea.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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