



May 21, 2017

Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees
Superintendent Richard Comanza
Houston, TX 77002-8501

Dear Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees and Superintendent Comanza:

As required by state law, school districts whose wealth level is below certain statutorily defined thresholds are required to take a wealth equalization action. The most commonly used action is to hold an election asking voters to agree to remit certain property tax revenues to the state. If the voters in a district agree, state law then requires that the communication of the results from that school district in amounts that will reduce wealth down to state-determined levels.

I received your letter dated May 16, 2017, regarding the May 6, 2017, election under Texas Education Code (TEC) §41.096 and the purchase of Attendance Credits, and the fully executed agreement is enclosed. Your district's payment totaling \$11,004,704 for the period from February through May 15, 2017, for purchasing attendance credits. Because the election passed, your district is now complying with wealth equalization via the purchase of attendance credits for the 2017-2018 school year. Therefore, in accordance with my statutorily required duties and obligations under Chapter 41 of the TEC and 19 Texas Administrative Code, I hereby detach my office from your district and transfer my office to Aldine Independent School District (AISD), dated February 23, 2017. (See the attached February 23, 2017 order). Please see TEC §§13.033, 13.034, and 13.035.

TEA is committed to providing all taxpayers, property owners, and school and appraisal districts with accurate and transparent information. If you have any questions, please contact me at leo.lopez@tea.texas.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Morath

Attachments: February 23, 2017 Second Supplemental Order
Agreement

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cc: Mr. Roland Ainger, Chief Appraiser for Harris County
Aldine Independent School District Board of Trustees