

TEXAS RURAL SCHOOLS TASK FORCE REPORT

# Elevating Support for Texas Rural and Small Schools



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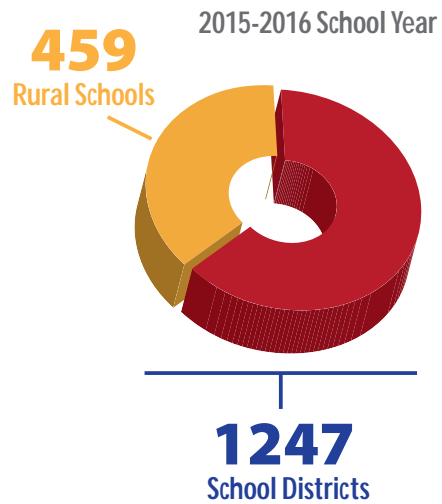






## Introduction

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### Teacher Recruitment – Recommendation 3

*Promote the profession of teaching as rewarding and impactful.*

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Teacher Recruitment – Recommendation 5

Broaden the pool of potential teachers by exploring the potential for flexibility in certification to include non-certified but qualified personnel to teach CTE courses, for certified personnel to teach outside of their field, and for retired teachers to return to full-time teaching more easily.

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House Bill 5/CTE Supports – Recommendation 8

Increase the quality and accessibility of online learning, including the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN), by addressing misconceptions, aggressive marketing and outreach, removing financial disincentives, supporting greater bandwidth, implementing a longer grant cycle, and improving the teacher selection, training, and support model.

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**Grants and Contracts – Recommendation 9**

*Streamline the processes for grant applications and reporting documentation by improving awareness of eligibility (3-month calendaring), pre-populating data, and designating a certain percentage of competitive grant funds be prioritized for rural and small schools.*

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### Rural Support in General – Recommendation 12

Create ways to share best practices among rural schools across the state to foster the spread of innovation and achievement.

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## Selection of Task Force Member :

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## Selection of Initial Lead :

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## The Task Force and Regional Forum Meeting :

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## October 2016:

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השקפה רחבה על המצב הכלכלי והחברתי בישראל, וכן על התקופה הקרובה. ההצגה נערכה ב-15 במרץ 2017.

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### January and February 2017 Rural Schools Regional Forums

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Transportation

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Leadership for Creating a Supportive Climate

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### Partnerships with business and community

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