



## To the Administrator Addressed

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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>May 16, 2019</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Professional Service Provider (PSP) Network Dissolution-July 31, 2019</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>Division of School Improvement Communication</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Share with appropriate staff</b>

The Professional Service Provider (PSP) Network will cease operations as of July 31, 2019. For the last several years, PSPs were approved service providers who were vetted through an application process to provide on-site technical assistance for campuses identified for school improvement through state and/or federal accountability. Approved PSPs were a part of the PSP Network, which was overseen by the Texas Education Agency's technical support team at Education Service Center (ESC) XIII. Through the 2018-2019 school year, PSPs were also required members of Campus Intervention Teams (CITs), which are required per TEC 39A.051(a)(2) for campuses that receive an unacceptable performance rating.

The Division of School Improvement is transitioning to a new support structure for campuses identified for school improvement through state and/or federal accountability that includes a needs assessment conducted by a trained facilitator and recommendations that campuses work with an approved capacity builder based on that campus' specific area(s) of need. This support transition was informed by feedback from a variety of stakeholders, including campus, district, and ESC staff. Due to this transition:

- the PSP will no longer be a required member of the Campus Intervention Team starting in the 2019-20 school year, and
- the PSP Network will end operations on July 31, 2019.

Campuses that were awarded the Texas Title I Priority Schools (TTIPS) Grant in Cycle 4 and Cycle 5 will continue to contract with an approved PSP as a fulfillment of grant requirements. When the grant cycle ends, those campuses will no longer be required to contract with a PSP. TTIPS Grant Cycles 4 and 5 end on July 31, 2020.

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