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For competitive applications, the application will not be reviewed and scored if any of the required attachments do not accompany the application when it is submitted. Applicants will not be permitted to submit required attachments, or any revisions to those required attachments, after the closing date of the grant. Attach all required attachments to the back of the application as an appendix.									
		Proof of Nonprofit Status							
1 🗆	Required for all open-enrollment charter schools sponsored by a nonprofit organization:								
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2 🗌	Check box to indicate assurance that audit requirements have been met. All public school districts, open- enrollment charter schools, and education service centers must be in compliance with submitting the required annual audit for the immediate prior fiscal year to TEA in the time and manner requested by TEA, and the audit must be determined by the TEA Division of Financial Audits to be in compliance with the applicable audit standards. TEA reserves the right to ensure that all applicants are deemed by TEA to be financially stable at the initial time of preliminary selection for funding to receive a grant award. The TEA Division of Financial Audits will determine financial stability based on the required annual audit for the immediate prior fiscal year.								
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# **Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant**

# Schedule #4—Program Summary and Application Requirements

# Part 1: Grant Program Information;

# **Summary of Program: Purpose and Goals**

School Improvement Grants, authorized under section 1003(g) of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Title I or ESEA) as amended by ARRA, are grants, through the Texas Education Agency, to local educational agencies (LEAs) for use in Title I schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring and other eligible campuses that demonstrate the greatest need for the funds and the strongest commitment to use the funds to provide adequate resources in order to raise substantially the achievement of their students so as to enable the schools to make adequate yearly progress and exit improvement status. Under the final requirements, as amended through the interim final requirements published in the Federal Register in January 2010 school improvement funds are to be focused on each State's "Tier I" and "Tier II" schools.

Tier I schools are a State's persistently lowest-achieving Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring and certain Title I eligible elementary schools that are as low achieving as the State's other Tier I schools. Tier II schools are a State's persistently-lowest achieving secondary schools that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I, Part A funds and certain additional Title I eligible secondary schools that are as low achieving as the State's other Tier II schools or that have had a graduation rate below 60 percent over a number of years. An LEA may also use school improvement funds in Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that are not identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools and certain additional Title I eligible schools ("Tier III schools").

In the Tier I and Tier II schools an LEA chooses to serve, the LEA must implement one of four school intervention models: turnaround model, restart model, school closure, or transformation model.

# Allowable Activities

Tier I and Tier II Grantees

- Grantees must expend grant funds for the required activities delineated for the selected intervention model as defined in the final federal regulations.
- Grantees may expend grant funds for the permissible activities delineated for the selected intervention model as defined in the final federal regulations.
- Grantees may expend grant funds for other school improvement activities deemed needed to address identified needs not addressed by the intervention model selected.

### Tier III Grantees

- Tier III grantees may select one of the four intervention models in the federal regulations or the state's Tier III Transformation Model.
- If selecting one of the four models in the federal regulations, grantees must expend grant funds for the required activities delineated for the selected intervention model as defined in the final federal regulations. Grantees may expend grant funds for the permissible activities delineated for the selected intervention model as defined in the final federal regulations.
- Grantees may expend grant funds for other school improvement activities deemed needed to address identified needs not addressed by the intervention model selected.

In addition, a Tier I, Tier III grantee campus that has implemented, in whole or in part, either the Turnaround, Restart, or Transformation models within the last two years may continue or complete the implementation of the intervention model with the TTIPS grant funds. For example, if a grantee campus has replaced its principal within the last two years, the LEA/campus will not be required to hire another new principal. An LEA/campus that receives TTIPS SIG funds in accordance with this flexibility must fully implement the selected model as required by the final federal requirements. In other words, if the school had been implementing the model only in part, it must use the funds it receives to expand its implementation so that it fully complies with the federal regulatory requirements.

The detailed required and permissible activities for each intervention model, as defined in the final federal regulations are listed on Schedule #4—Program Requirements and are incorporated by reference herein.

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LEA's application and implementation of school improvement models on its

Applicant provides assurance that financial assistance provided under the grant

program will supplement, and not supplant, the amount of state and local funds

Applicant provides assurance that it will use its School Improvement Grant to

implement fully and effectively an intervention in each Tier I and Tier II school that the LEA commits to serve consistent with the final federal requirements.

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3	each Tier I and Tier II school that the LEA commits to serve consistent with the final federal requirements.  Applicant provides assurance that it will establish annual goals for student achievement on the State's assessments in both reading/language arts and mathematics and measure progress on the leading indicators in section III of the final federal requirements in order to monitor each Tier I and Tier II school that it serves with school improvement funds, and establish goals (approved by the TEA) to hold accountable its Tier III schools that receive school improvement funds.							
4	contract or agreement terms ar	at it will, if it implements a restart model in a Tid d provisions to hold the charter operator, charte ation accountable for complying with the final fed	r management organization, or					
5		at it will report to the TEA the school-level data						
6		at it will participate in any evaluation of the gran ling its contractors, or the Texas Education Agen						
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1	TEA Assurance Description  Before full implementation funds are made available, the grantee must demonstrate that all early implementation activities have been completed. Successful completion of the early implementation will be measured in the Quarterly Implementation Reports (QIR), the Model Selection and Description Report, and through participation in TEA technical assistance.  a. The Model Selection and Description Report must be submitted to TEA no later than February 1, 2011. This report may be submitted at any time prior to the deadline. Grantees must demonstrate successful completion of the following activities:  i. Comprehensive Needs Assessment process.  ii. Establish the grant budget by the required categories.  iii. Identification and Selection of the intervention model.  iv. Development of activities to implement selected intervention model.							

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2	The applicant provides assurance that the LEA will designate an individual or office with primary responsibilities for supporting the LEA/campus' school improvement efforts. This individual/office will have primary responsibility and authority for ensuring the effective implementation of the grant option approved by TEA; serve as the district liaison to TEA and those providing technical assistance and/or contracted service to the LEA/campus as part of the approved grant.										
3		ce that a team from the grantee LEA/campus will assistance meetings, other periodic meetings of sharing of best practices.									
4	For the LEAs selecting the TEA	Designed Models the applicant provide assurance e and coaching support provided by TEA, SIRC, a									
5	The applicant will establish or provide evidence of a system of formative assessment aligned to the Texas Essential										
6	grant intervention models.	a formative assessment of the LEA's capacity an									
7		s for onsite visits to the LEA and campus by TEA	<u> </u>								
8	approved list of CMO and EMO		·								
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-		eness of the current principal and use the results									
	or training.	should be replaced, be retained on the campus,	, or be provided leadership coaching								
	B. Identify and reward s	school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in i									
		hievement and high school graduation rates and									
	done so;	ities have been provided for them to improve the	eir professional practice, nave not								
	C. Provide staff ongoin	g, high-quality, job-embedded professional deve	lopment (e.g., regarding subject-								
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	learning and have the	ne capacity to successfully implement school refo	orm strategies; and								
	D. Implement such stra	ategies as financial incentives, increased opportu	inities for promotion and career								
		exible work conditions that are designed to recrunest the needs of the students in a transformation									
		uitable evaluation systems for teachers and princ									
	1. Takes into account data on student growth as a a factor as well as other factors such as multiple										
	observation-based assessments of student performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high school graduation rates; and 2. Are designed and developed and with teacher and principal involvement										

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13	relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff;  C. Implement approaches to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports or taking steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment; or								
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14	A. Allow the school to be t LEA or SEA; or	run under a new governance arrangement, such	as a turnaround division within the						
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15	The LEA/campus assures TEA that data to meet the following federal requirements will be available and reported as requested.  a. Number of minutes within the school year.  b. Average scale scores on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by grade, for the "all students" group, for each achievement quartile, and for each subgroup.  c. Number and percentage of students completing advanced coursework (e.g., AP/IB), early-college high schools, or dual enrollment classes. (High Schools Only)  d. College enrollment rates. (High Schools Only)  e. Teacher Attendance Rate f. Student Completion Rate g. Student Drop-Out Rate h. Locally developed competencies created to identify teacher strengths/weaknesses i. Types of support offered to teachers j. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for teachers k. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for administrators l. Strategies to increase parent/community involvement m. Strategies which increase student learning time								
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Part 2: Grant Program Summary	Provide a brief overview of the program you pla	an to implement on the campus.								
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	iling to make best use of our instructional time,									
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Year 2 Goals: Mentor teachers train										
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	munication and involvement in student progress	;								
	Purchase equipment to facilitate implementation in new trained cohort classrooms									
Analyze data to contin										
Year 3 Goals: Mentor teachers train final cohort teachers										
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	to facilitate implementation in new trained cohort									
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The overall impact of our intended program will be to improve campus leadership while maintaining a positive climate and developing our teaching force with the capacity to sustain long-term changes to teaching methodologies										

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Describe, in detail, the process the LEA and campus followed/will follow to identify the needs of the campus.

The following are the steps we took at B. Garza Middle School to develop needs assessment for the campus:

- Step 1 –Two individuals were selected to attend training at Region One aimed at developing a comprehensive needs assessment. These two individuals were Eva Saucedo and Cynthia Gonzalez.
- Step 2 These two individuals, Saucedo and Gonzalez, met with campus principal, John Garlic, to discuss key components of a comprehensive needs assessment for the campus.
- Step 3 Campus principal, John Garlic called an after school meeting to discuss the campus comprehensive needs assessment and then to break the campus staff up into 8 committees: Demographic, Student Achievement, School Culture & Climate, Staff Quality, Recruitment & Retention, Family & Community Involvement, Curriculum Instruction & Assessment, Technology, and School Organization. Each committee had the criteria that each department, core electives, were to have equal representation, i.e. language arts, social studies, science, math, electives, counselor, para-professional, clerk, administrator, parents and students.
- Step 4 Each group selected a chairperson. This chairperson ran the group meeting and guided the group through a set of specific questions geared at their specific topic. These questions were discussed in detail by the members of the group and then researched with current campus demographic, AEIS, TAKS data, Attendance reports, special education referrals, 504 referrals, discipline referrals, home visit data, at-risk data, and other pertinent data. Once the data was collected by the group, the group turned in their portion of the needs assessment to Mrs. Saucedo who collected all the groups CNA data for B. Garza Middle School.
- Step 5 Saucedo and Gonzalez worked on putting all of the CNA components together to develop the BGMS comprehensive needs assessment for the 2010-2011 school year.

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5	Family & Community Inve	olvement Committee	
6	Curriculum Instruction ar	d Assessment Committee	
7	Technology Committee		
8	School organization Com	mittee	
9	Site Base Committee		
10	Administrative Committee	e – Principal, Assistant Principal, 2 Facilitators	

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Management of Grant Activities – Describe how the LEA and campus will modify its practices and/or policies, as necessary, to ensure its implementation of the intervention(s) fully and effectively.

- \*Modify schedule to increase Language arts and math instructional time through an AB schedule
- \*Refocus administrative walk throughs on weak areas by using content specific walkthrough forms and reviewing them with teachers
- \*Hold specific Student Progress and Review (SPAR) sessions for special ed and ELL students every 6 weeks to help teachers individualize their instruction for individual needs
- \*Increase availability of remedial books using SRI testing
- \*In school intervention periods focus on weak math and reading skills
- \*Train teachers to analyze data and integrate it into lesson process more effectively
- \*Administrators will complete on-line and attend national leadership conferences
- \*Leadership Team will complete on-line and attend appropriate national conferences in their area of need.
- \*Have 6 week parental involvement meetings to disseminate grant information and build community relations
- \*Partner with community businesses to showcase student progress and successes
- \*Use incentives to increase student attendance
- \*Develop a structured mentoring program for students. Teachers, administrators, and central office personnel will be assigned a small group of students who they will be mentors (Big Buddies) with. They will meet with them every three weeks to discuss character building activities, grades, social issues, etc.

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**Resource Management** – Describe how the LEA/campus will align other resources (federal, state, local, and community) with the school improvement intervention.

The leadership team for this grant will be comprised of our executive curriculum department in secondary education who has been at his position for over 5 years and has a proven track record of success in helping to bridge academic gaps for our district. Mr. Salinas, our executive director for curriculum is always on the cutting edge of evidence based research curriculum and our needs assessments are always based on a quasi-experimental design plan that includes pre and post assessments and implementing appropriate instructional interventions of a prescriptive nature for all students in jeopardy of failing. Serving as co-director will be our Title one coordinator, Mr. Villarreal who has been in charge of Title One services for the last 20 years and is in charge of all academic curriculum of an accelerated and supplemental nature for students with big achievement gaps. The campus level leadership team will be comprised of two instructional coaches at the district level, Ms. Anna Gonzalez who has been a math teacher for the district for over 5 years and currently serves as a district mathematics instructional coach, assisting her will be two campus level facilitators, one at each school. The district leadership team has already begun communication with partnering entities regarding the program they provide and how to best meet the needs of our students and address the significant gaps that are evidenced at both middle schools. Our management plan will ensure that meetings are held with campus based teams to ensure that our curriculum always spirals down so that the lower grades are suitably preparing our students for entry into school level. Our management plan will include specific protocols to be in place that will assure that our objectives are on time, within budget, within the appropriate timelines and with definite milestones for accomplishing all project tasks. We will have significant input from all teachers involved in this project through departmental meetings to be held at both schools, through staff development trainings, through classroom observations and through individual conferencing with all teachers involved in this project. We will build a website solely dedicated to our transformation project in which teachers will have a Forum in which they can address issues that are concerning them in an anonymous fashion so that all concerns can be addressed in a timely fashion. Participant feedback will provide the district level leadership team with the necessary information needed to share with service providers about the concerns or suggestions our teachers have and through surveys of all teachers involved we will be able to meet their needs and concerns. As a result of this we will be able to focus with laser sharp precision on exactly what it is our students need from their teachers in the delivery of mathematics instruction and we can also meet the needs of our teachers' pedagogical and content knowledge needs.

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Grant Project Manager Qualifications - Describe the qualifications of the person selected to be the project manager for this grant on the campus.

Co-Managers: Eva Saucedo and Cynthia Gonzalez

Eva Saucedo, an administrator at B. Garza Middle School, has over 30 years experience in education. She started as a para-professional while working on a bachelor's degree in bilingual education. She continued to attend the university to achieve a master's degree and supervision and administrative certification. While working at the elementary level Mrs. Saucedo was a mentor teacher, department chair, campus coordinator for GT and differentiated learning and later was promoted to Assistant Principal. Having worked in an elementary education setting she has a thorough understanding of the foundations needed for middle school children and their educational needs. She has extensive training in individualized instruction having gone thru training at the University of Connecticut with Dr. Renzuli. Being a product of a poor migrant family she has worked hard to achieve the level of success she has today. This experience has strengthened her philosophy that education is the key to success. She works hard to help all students achieve success in education thru individualized instruction.

Cynthia Gonzalez, an administrator at B. Garza Middle School, has been in the educational field for 15 years. Cynthia Gonzalez started her teaching at La Joya 9th grade campus as a world geography teacher. While working at the 9th grade campus Ms. Gonzalez coached UIL, Speech and Debate, Mock trial, was Department Chair and Teacher Leader. Ms. Gonzalez moved to Weslaco in 2001. Ms. Gonzalez worked at Louis Black Intermediate and then moved to Cuellar Middle School as a language arts/ESL/Social Studies teacher while coaching UIL and being department chair for Social Studies. Ms. Gonzalez worked at Cuellar for 2 years and then got a promotion to Facilitator at North Bridge Elementary. Ms. Gonzalez' administrative roles included: testing coordinator, 504 coordinator, extended day coordinator, migrant program supervisor, language arts, social studies & science administrator, grant writer, and curriculum specialist. Ms. Gonzalez is now an administrator at BGMS and continues with the above initiatives.

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**LEA Support** – Describe how the LEA will structure and implement an individual or office with responsibility for supporting the campus' school improvement efforts.

Office of Innovation and Transformation

Principal Investigator
Co-Investigator
Project Coordinator
Evaluation Team
Strategists - Math
Strategists - Language Arts
Language Arts' Director
Math Director
Title I Coordinator
Executive Director for Secondary Education
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Personnel from Providers

The grant activities will be monitored on a day to day basis by the campus instructional coaches/facilitators with help from the language arts and mathematics department directors and strategists. District-level leadership will also do classroom observations of mathematics and language arts teachers twice a week and attend most mathematics and language arts department meetings in order to solicit necessary feedback so that modifications and improvements can be made to the intervention model that is being utilized and address any needs, concerns or suggestions the teachers involved in this project might have. Additionally the district website will also provide a system for ongoing feedback for ensuring continuous improvement in the operation of the project and the district website will be maintained by the district Instructional Technology Coordinator.

Qualifications of the instructional faculty, leadership personnel, external consultants and our service provider will be assured through the fact that our mathematics and language arts directors have a proven track record of success at Weslaco ISD.

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**Program Continuation and Sustainability** – Describe how the LEA will sustain the campus reforms after the funding period ends.

Weslaco ISD will ensure the sustainability of our program for years to come because we will be training our personnel to be trainers of trainers in which they will go on to train other teachers and department chairpersons in the goals and specific objectives of the program specifics in the staff development, training and intervention model that will be utilized by our service providers during our partnership. District level personnel will also become trainers so that they can provide staff development for all new mathematics and language arts teachers to the district and our district New Teacher Mentoring program will ensure that all new teachers of mathematics and language arts will be partnered with a mathematics/language arts teacher that has at least one year experience in our mathematics or language arts project guidelines, protocols and procedures for the best possible delivery of instruction.

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External Providers -- Describe how the LEA will recruit, screen, and select external providers to ensure their quality.

### The LEA has:

- Met with all stakeholders and created a rubric detailing specific criteria in the selection of external providers.
- Delineated the specific criteria on research-based best practices as listed on the "What Works" website of the United States Department of Education.
- Ensured through sign-in sheets and agendas that all stakeholders participated in the interview process during the selection of external providers.
- Ensured that external providers' services have gone through rigorous clinical trials, both of a qualitative and quantitative nature with control and non-control groups demonstrating data that can be replicated with different populations across the country.
- Ensured that "white papers" were reviewed by all stakeholders. White Papers have included an annotated bibliography of the research conducted and published in high-end, peer-reviewed journals.

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## Section B: Model Selection Process - Describe in detail:

- 1. The process the LEA and campus followed/will follow to select a school intervention model that aligns to the identified needs of the campus.
- 2. The timeline delineating the steps the campus will take to implement the selected intervention.

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The following is the process that the campus, BGMS, followed in the selection of a school intervention model:

BGMS looked at the TEA/NCLB 5-Step CNA Process recommended by TEA in selecting a school intervention model:

- 1. Review purpose and outcome/develop model and partner/provider profiles (Process)
- 2. Establish committees/develop school profile (Identify Participants)
- 3. Types of Data (state data, TAKS, TELPAS, AYP, AEIS, surveys, questionnaires, focus groups) (Data)
- 4. Priority needs/define roles/develop contracts (Priority)
- 5. Connect to CNA/ to forge relationships (Plan)

BGMS will implement the TEA Designed Model-Transformational model with technical assistance from SIRC, Region I and Sylvan Learning Center.

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## Year 1

# Campus Timeline of Implementation

# August 2010-December 2010

**Critical Success Factor 1:** Improve Academic Performance including but not limited to Reading/ELA and Mathematics. Professional Development at beginning of year to cover the following:

- 1. Intensive RTI training for all staff
- 2. ELA Training on Shared Reading, plugged into reading, 100 book challenge, classroom libraries, Vocabulary development, comprehension
- 3. Math Training-Rice University partnership for PD, "Smart Math", IPAD application for Math
- 4. Data-Driven Instruction.
- 5. Curriculum Alignment (both & vertical)
- 6. On-going monitoring of instruction
- 7. Hands-on academic focused field trips
- 8. Staff Development (Loti Digital-Age Schools: year 1- building capacity, year 2-implementing change, year 3-sustaining independence
- 9. Create master teachers
- 10. Instructional strategies

**Critical Success Factor 2:** Increase the use of Quality Data to drive instruction. Professional Development at BOY to cover the following

- Train all staff members on the availability of data sources (Data Retrieval System (DRS), Pearson Benchmark, District Benchmarks, Moodles, TAKS, TELPAS, Special Pops, Eduphoria, DMAC, AEIS) and the use of it to enhance student achievement.
- 2. Teacher portfolios on student data (RTI documentation of strategies and research based instruction)
- 3. On-going job embedded professional development
- 4. Recruitment/Retention Strategies
- 5. Loti Project: Turning up the H.E.A.T. on teaching, learning, and leadership

**Critical Success Factor 3:** Increase Leadership Effectiveness. Leadership –Administrator will monitor curriculum and instruction, collaboration, empowerment of staff, and monitoring of student progress by

- 1. Using professional development tools named in CSF #2 to help administrators coach and develop staff by attending National Leadership conferences and using SIRC resources (Texas Model).
- Professional development at national level on leadership and curriculum, compensation systems tied to outcomes.
- 3. Saturday staff development trainings (3 per semester).
- 4. on-going job embedded professional development
- 5. Operational Flexibility
- 6. Resource Data Utilization

# Critical Success Factor 4: Improve and Increase Learning Time.

- 1. Assessing current schedule for more learning time within the day to help ELL, Special Education Students, below leveled readers and dyslexic students.
- 2. Train teachers on new learning schedule to enhance learning.
- 3. Implement a flexible schedule
- 4. Instructionally focused Calendar
- 5. Staff collaborative planning
- 6. 100 Book Challenge
- 7. Academic Fieldtrips based on TEKS

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August 2010-December 2010

# Critical Success Factor #5: Increase Parent/Community Involvement

- 1. Using existing programs and linkages to bring more resources to families in Weslaco.
- 2. Build partnerships with Adult Education, Workforce Readiness, and parenting coaching.
- 3. Higher education engagement through college mentors/interns, computers for homes, parent resources, child care to enable participation.
- 4. Points of emphasis: need to distinguish between what is currently being done versus what we propose as enhancements. We will model this after the 21<sup>st</sup> century program when appropriate.
- 5. Increase opportunity for input.
- 6. Effective communication.
- 7. Accessible community services.
- 8. Computers and training for parents

# Critical Success Factor #6: Improve School Climate

- 1. Train all staff on PBS-Positive Behavior Supports.
- 2. Embedded professional development.
- 3. Provide stipends for teachers to get their Reading or Math Masters Degrees.
- 4. Attendance stipends for teachers.
- 5. Attendance rewards for students out of town field trips (2x a year).
- 6. Campus shirts with motivational quotes staff & students

# Critical Success Factor #7: Increase Teacher Quality

- School -wide performance based pay that is tied to outcomes and not solely activities- firm but fair systems for
  ongoing evaluation and development (rubric system pending-quant/qual measures such as lexile and quantile
  scores, professional development goals met, evidence of implementation, classroom management referrals,
  attendance of both staff and students, staff development participation, and classroom observations).
- Have staff input for incentives.
- 3. On-going job embedded professional development
- 4. Stipends for Masters Degrees in Reading, Math and ESL

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Year 1

# Campus Timeline of Implementation

# January -June 2011

Full implementation of all 7 critical success factors will be done by January 2011. Leadership team will meet every month to discuss the progress of each initiative. (Leadership team consists of 8 Critical Success Chairpersons

# April 2011

Campus will review the evaluation results of the 7 critical success factors and determine what, if any, modifications/accommodations are needed to be made to enhance student success using an established rubric for each of the 7 critical success factors.

# May 2011

Campus team (leadership team made up of teachers, paraprofessionals, clerks, parents, students, counselors and administrators) will evaluate the TAKS Results, District Benchmarks, TELPAS, attendance reports (students and staff) and all other assessment data to determine the success rates of BGMS special pops.

Year 2

# August 2011

Refresher Staff Development on the 7 Critical Success Factors. (Reminder of key points to ensure that the campus is consistent and following grant initiatives.) Campus leadership team will meet monthly to discuss progress and issues with the 7 different critical success factor initiatives.

# September 2011-April 2012

Campus will follow the 7 Critical Success Factor initiatives outlined in year 1 with accommodations/modifications made by Spring 2011 CNA Campus Development.

### April 2012

Campus will review the evaluation results of the 7 critical success factors and determine what if any modifications/accommodations are needed to be made to enhance student success using an established rubric for each of the 7 critical success factors.

### May 2012

Campus team (leadership team made up of teachers, paraprofessionals, clerks, parents, students, counselors and administrators) will evaluate the TAKS Results, District Benchmarks, TELPAS, attendance reports (students and staff) and all other assessment data to determine the success rates of BGMS special pops.

### Research:

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Year 3

# Campus Timeline of Implementation

### Summer 2012

Campus Leadership team will meet to discuss the progress of the 7 Critical Factors and determine the level of capacity/impact it has made to respect to student achievement in all demographics.

### August 2012

Campus Staff Development geared at refining and continuing the 7 Critical Factors initiatives for the campus.

# August 2012-April 2013

Campus leadership team will meet monthly to discuss progress and issues with the 7 different critical success factor initiatives.

### **April 2013**

Campus will review the evaluation results of the 7 critical success factors and determine what if any modifications/accommodations are needed to be made to enhance student success using an established rubric for each of the 7 critical success factors.

## May 2013

Campus team (leadership team made up of teachers, paraprofessionals, clerks, parents, students, counselors and administrators) will evaluate the TAKS Results, District Benchmarks, TELPAS, attendance reports (students and staff) and all other assessment data to determine the success rates of BGMS special pops.

# Summer 2013

Campus Leadership team will meet to discuss the progress of the 7 Critical Factors and determine the level of capacity/impact it has made to respect to student achievement in all demographics in order fulfill the CNA needs of BGMS. The needs of the CNA will be the guiding force for the 2013 Academic Year.

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Administrative Committee - Principal, Assistant Principal, 2 Facilitators

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On the following pages of charts applicants should describe all other school improvement activities that will be incorporated with the model to be selected.

For each additional improvement activity entered, enter the Critical Success Factor Code(s) from this table, enter the LEA/campus' rationale for including the activity, provide the supporting research that indicates the activity will be effective, and indicate the beginning and ending date of the activity.

- 1 Improve Academic Performance, including (but not limited to) Reading/ELA and Math
  - A. Data-driven instruction
  - B. Curriculum Alignment (both horizontal and vertical)
  - C. On-going Monitoring of Instruction
- 2 Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction
  - A. Data Disaggregation/Training
  - B. Data-driven Decisions
  - C. On-going Communication
- 3 Increase Leadership Effectiveness
  - A. On-going Job Embedded Professional Development
  - B. Operational Flexibility
  - C. Resource/Data Utilization
- 4 Increase Learning Time
  - A. Flexible Scheduling
  - B. Instructionally-focused Calendar
  - C. Staff Collaborative Planning
- 5 Increase Parent/Community Involvement
  - A. Increased Opportunities for Input
  - B. Effective Communication
  - C. Accessible Community Services
- 6 Improve School Climate
  - A. Increased Attendance
  - B. Decreased Discipline Referrals
  - C. Increased Involvement in Extra/Co-Curricular Activities
- 7 Increase Teacher Quality
  - A. Locally Developed Appraisal Instruments
  - B. On-going Job Embedded Professional Development
  - C. Recruitment/Retention Strategies

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Critical Success Factor 1: Improve Academic Performance including (but not limited to) Reading/ELA and Math

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
1.	Improve student achievement in Reading/ELA	Students will be reading on grade level	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
1	Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics	Students will be able to complete on level math items	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
1	Provide peer tutoring program Mentoring students in need of interventions	Student improvement in communication skills. Preventing students from attending AEP programs	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
1	Student internship model	Students will train by modeling.	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
1	School-wide RtI model with intensive initial and ongoing training and development for staff	Improve student achievement by using individual academic data	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21,	August 2010	June 2013

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1	Reading/ELA tools: Plugged into rdg., shared rdg., shared rdg.,100 Book Challenge,Natl Geographic, Study Island, etc.	Use individual academic data to enhance student learning	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
1	Math Tools: iPad applications for math, Smart Math, etc	Using technology to individualize instruction	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
1	Leveraged resources: Technology such as:iPads, online learning portals, etc	Using technology to individualize instruction and learning	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
1	Integrate the use of Interwrite pads and iPads for science instruction	Teachers will target all levels of student learning	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
1	Critical Thinking skills in data-driven & differentiated instruction	Develop critical thinking skills to solve problems	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
1	Acceleration/Enrichment program - Field investigations	To enhance students' independent research	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013

1	Improve student achievement for students who have characteristics of Dyslexia	These students will have the necessary skills to decode words to read.	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
1	Improve oral language development for ELL	These students will be able to learn the English language with a strong foundation	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
1	Improve basic reading skills for all Special Education Students	These students will be able to close the reading gap between where they are and where they need to be	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013

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Critical Success Factor 2: Increase the use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
2	Enhancing existing data utilities in a way that is more accountable.	Data will be analyzed every 6 weeks based on weaknesses	Bernhardt, V. (1998) Bernhardt, V. (2006) Marsh, J. A., Pane, J. F., & Hamilton, L. S. (2006) Partnership for the 21st Century, (2008) Serim, Ferdi (2002)	August 2010	June 2013
2	Tying effective use of data and student outcomes to teacher performance systems	Data will be analyzed every six weeks	Bernhardt, V. (1998) Bernhardt, V. (2006) Marsh, J. A., Pane, J. F., & Hamilton, L. S. (2006) Partnership for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century, (2008) Serim, Ferdi (2002)	August 2010	June 2013
2	Tools: Teacher and administrator portfolios, online learning portals (moodles)	To determine staff effectiveness of student needs assessment and lesson implementation	Bernhardt, V. (1998) Bernhardt, V. (2006) Marsh, J. A., Pane, J. F., & Hamilton, L. S. (2006) Partnership for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century, (2008) Serim, Ferdi (2002)	August 2010	June 2013
2	Training in administering and using Lexile Reading levels	Become familiar with students reading abilities	Bernhardt, V. (1998) Bernhardt, V. (2006) Marsh, J. A., Pane, J. F., & Hamilton, L. S. (2006) Partnership for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century, (2008) Serim, Ferdi (2002)	August 2010	June 2013
2	Administer district pre and post tests in core areas to determine teaching levels	Become aware of student subject area expectations and abilities	Bernhardt, V. (1998) Bernhardt, V. (2006) Marsh, J. A., Pane, J. F., & Hamilton, L. S. (2006) Partnership for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century, (2008) Serim, Ferdi (2002)	August 2010	June 2013
2	Administer the end of year science exam from college board	To determine students' preparedness for high school sciences	Bernhardt, V. (1998) Bernhardt, V. (2006) Marsh, J. A., Pane, J. F., & Hamilton, L. S. (2006) Partnership for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century, (2008) Serim, Ferdi (2002)	August 2010	June 2013

2	Teachers will meet with their content areas every other week to discuss and review key concepts that students have difficulty with.	To stay up to date with student data	Bernhardt, V. (1998) Bernhardt, V. (2006) Marsh, J. A., Pane, J. F., & Hamilton, L. S. (2006) Partnership for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century, (2008) Serim, Ferdi (2002)	August 2010	June 2013
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CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
3	Mentor teachers for teachers in need of assistance and cohort	Peers to assist and model effective classroom practices	Kohn, B., & Nance, B. (2007) Lambert, L. (1998) Marzano, R. J. Waters, T., & McNuity, B. A. (2005) Maxwell, J. C. (1995) Sergiovanni, T. J. (2001) Whitaker, T. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
3	Classroom management trainings	Good classroom management will allow for effective teaching practices & student learning	Kohn, B., & Nance, B. (2007) Lambert, L. (1998) Marzano, R. J. Waters, T., & McNuity, B. A. (2005) Maxwell, J. C. (1995) Sergiovanni, T. J. (2001) Whitaker, T. (2003)	August 2010	JUne 2013
3	Local, state & national conference training for leadership team	Team will then turn around and train the rest of the staff	Kohn, B., & Nance, B. (2007) Lambert, L. (1998) Marzano, R. J. Waters, T., & McNulty, B. A. (2005) Maxwell, J. C. (1995) Sergiovanni, T. J. (2001) Whitaker, T. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
3	Trainer of Trainers training for leadership team to train staff	Team will then turn around and train the rest of the staff	Kohn, B., & Nance, B. (2007) Lambert, L. (1998) Marzano, R. J. Waters, T., & McNulty, B. A. (2005) Maxwell, J. C. (1995) Sergiovanni, T. J. (2001) Whitaker, T. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
3	Use webinars, podcasting and site visits to enhance implementation of programs	The use of technology will facilitate program implementation	Kohn, B., & Nance, B. (2007) Lambert, L. (1998) Marzano, R. J. Waters, T., & McNulty, B. A. (2005) Maxwell, J. C. (1995) Sergiovanni, T. J. (2001) Whitaker, T. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
3	Monthly team building sessions for all staff	Having a strong unified staff will ensure implementation of goals	Kohn, B., & Nance, B. (2007) Lambert, L. (1998) Marzano, R. J. Waters, T., & McNulty, B. A. (2005)	August 2010	June 2013

			Maxwell, J. C. (1995) Sergiovanni, T. J. (2001) Whitaker, T. (2003)		
3	Whole campus book studies in effective leadership and differentiating instruction	Developing staff's professional growth & be up to date on methodology	Kohn, B., & Nance, B. (2007) Lambert, L. (1998) Marzano, R. J. Waters, T., & McNulty, B. A. (2005) Maxwell, J. C. (1995) Sergiovanni, T. J. (2001) Whitaker, T. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
3	Networking with community, students, and parents	To communicate and update the students' performance accountability rating	Kohn, B., & Nance, B. (2007) Lambert, L. (1998) Marzano, R. J. Waters, T., & McNulty, B. A. (2005) Maxwell, J. C. (1995) Sergiovanni, T. J. (2001) Whitaker, T. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
3	Provide parenting classes and meetings	To unify the learning community	Kohn, B., & Nance, B. (2007) Lambert, L. (1998) Marzano, R. J. Waters, T., & McNulty, B. A. (2005) Maxwell, J. C. (1995) Sergiovanni, T. J. (2001) Whitaker, T. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
3	Financial incentives for staff members who have met rubric criteria on student data and achievement	To promote individualized instruction thru data assessment	Kohn, B., & Nance, B. (2007) Lambert, L. (1998) Marzano, R. J. Waters, T., & McNulty, B. A. (2005) Maxwell, J. C. (1995) Sergiovanni, T. J. (2001) Whitaker, T. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
3	Align walk-throughs with CNA initiatives	To assess if new initiatives are being implemented in the classroom	Kohn, B., & Nance, B. (2007) Lambert, L. (1998) Marzano, R. J. Waters, T., & McNulty, B. A. (2005) Maxwell, J. C. (1995) Sergiovanni, T. J. (2001) Whitaker, T. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013

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**Critical Success Factor 4: Improve Learning Time** 

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
4	After school program alighned with STEM(science,tech,engin eering ,math)	To improve student skills in math, science, engineering, and technology	Dimmock, C. & Walker, A. (2005) Erickson, L. (2010) Marzano, R. J. (2003) Sparks, D. (2002) Williams, B. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
4	Saturday independent research program	Students will develop ideas using engineering design process	Dimmock, C. & Walker, A. (2005) Erickson, L. (2010) Marzano, R. J. (2003) Sparks, D. (2002) Williams, B. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
4	Horticultural program	To expose student to different ways of growing plants & increase environmental awareness	Dimmock, C. & Walker, A. (2005) Erickson, L. (2010) Marzano, R. J. (2003) Sparks, D. (2002) Williams, B. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
4	Classroom management Training	To maximize teaching and learning classroom time	Dimmock, C. & Walker, A. (2005) Erickson, L. (2010) Marzano, R. J. (2003) Sparks, D. (2002) Williams, B. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
4	Individualized Instruction training	To maximize student learning	Dimmock, C. & Walker, A. (2005) Erickson, L. (2010) Marzano, R. J. (2003) Sparks, D. (2002) Williams, B. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
4	Team teaching training	To maximize inclusion staff	Dimmock, C. & Walker, A. (2005) Erickson, L. (2010) Marzano, R. J. (2003) Sparks, D. (2002) Williams, B. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
4	Academic support during ISS and Guidance Center attendance	To lessen gaps of instruction during instructional setting transition	Dimmock, C. & Walker, A. (2005) Erickson, L. (2010) Marzano, R. J. (2003) Sparks, D. (2002) Williams, B. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013

4	Have extended day and Saturday classes	To remediate and enrich student learning	Dimmock, C. & Walker, A. (2005) Erickson, L. (2010) Marzano, R. J. (2003) Sparks, D. (2002) Williams, B. (2003)	August 2010	June 2013
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Critical Success Factor 5: Increase Parent/Community Involvement

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
5	Family Reading, Math and Science Nights three times a year	To provide training for parents using hands-on activities in core areas increasing homework skills	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
5	Community Leaders in Science, Math and Engineering	To encourage students for a career in science, math or engineering	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
5	Visit research facilities, state parks. Use The Practical Parenting Education Curriculum	To make science connections to the real world. To understand the changes of adolescent developmental stages and academic success.	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008) TASB	August 2010	June 2013
5	Visit community – museums, chamber of commerce, waterworks, etc.	To create awareness extending learning time between home-school and community.	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
5	Adult/Family literacy classes	To provide ESL and computer classes, encouraging parent relationships with strudent and school staff.	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013

5	College awareness activities	To promote and increase career opportunities for students	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
5	Parent liaison activities	To strengthen relationships within the learning community	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
5	Parent fairs	To strengthen and increase parental relationships with the learning community	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
5	Parent workshops	To strengthen parental support for students, school and community	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
5	Community Service Projects (1 per year)	To build community relationships	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
5	Saturday Parent Sessions	To promote and enhance parental relationships with their children and the school	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013

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Critical Success Factor 6: Improve School Climate

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
6	Bullying interventions	To promote and enhance a positive learning environment for all members of the learning community	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
6	Character Building programs	To promote and enhance a positive learning environment for all members of the learning community	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
6	Community Service Projects  To promote and enhance a positive learning environment for all members of the learning community  To promote and enhance Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program		August 2010	June 2013	
6	Decrease Student office referrals  To promote and enhance a positive learning environment for all members of the learning community  To promote and enhance a positive learning environment for all members of the learning community  Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)		August 2010	June 2013	
Gang Deterrance  To promote and enhance a positive learning environment for all members of the learning community  To promote and enhance a positive learning environment for all members of the learning community  To promote and enhance Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008)		Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program	August 2010	June 2013	

6	Goal Setting/College Awareness	To promote and enhance a positive learning environment for all members of the learning community	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
6	Increasing attendance	To promote and enhance a positive learning environment for all members of the learning community	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
6	Positive Behavior supports	To promote and enhance a positive learning environment for all members of the learning community	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21st Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013
6	Campus-wide mentoring	To promote and enhance a positive learning environment for all members of the learning community	Achieve (2007) New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (2007) Partnership for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century skills (2008) Texas College and Career Readiness program (2008)	August 2010	June 2013

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Critical Success Factor 7: Increase Teacher Quality

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
7	Align professional development with the Campus Needs Assessment	To better meet the needs of the students and improve student learning	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
7	Differentiation of campus programs and training	To individualize instruction	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
7	High performing school members  To better meet the needs of the students  Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21,		August 2010	June 2013	
7	Master Program stipends in Math, Reading and ESL  To increase teaching effectiveness Blazey, M. (2004)  Senge, P. (2000)  Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008)  United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)		August 2010	June 2013	
7	Peer observations	To increase classroom teaching strategies	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2004)	August 2010	June 2013

7	Rigor and relevance training	To remain up-to-date with new teaching strategies and individualize instruction for our students	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
7	Open door communication for all members	To increase and enrich learning community relationships	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
7	Systems for ongoing feedback and observation walkthroughs	To ensure program implementation	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013
7	Innovative retain strategies for staff members	To increase teaching effectiveness	Blankenstein, A. (2004) Blazey, M. (2008) Senge, P. (2000) Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008) United States Department of Education, (July 21, 2006)	August 2010	June 2013

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CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
1	On going PD for all staff members in meeting the Transformational Model.	Alignment with CNA.		August 2010	Continue initiative- enhances student success
2	Attendance Incentives for all staff members for each semester to encourage attendance rate to close learning gap for all students.	Increase staff attendance rate.		August 2010	Continue initiative- enhances student success
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#### Schedule #4C-Performance Assessment and Evaluation

Part 1: Component Description. By submitting this application, the applicant agrees to comply with any reporting and evaluation requirements that TEA may establish and to submit the reports in the format TEA requests. (Response limited to one page each, font size no smaller than 9 pt, Arial or Verdana)

Section A: Ongoing Monitoring/Continuous Improvement - Describe the LEA/campus' process for providing ongoing monitoring of grant activities to ensure continuous improvement

Process of Ongoing Monitoring/Continuous Improvement for BGMS: Campus process for providing on-going monitoring of grant activities

- 1. identify roles for all stake holders
- 2. set expectations/duties for leadership team and project manager
- 3. campus leadership team meets at beginning of year to develop a formative evaluation to evaluate the progress of the grant every six weeks
- campus leadership team will meet every six weeks and compare the data to fill in formative evaluation
- 5. project manager will type up the results of the formative evaluation and share results at the monthly meeting
- 6. Campus stakeholders will go over results and make comments on strengths/weaknesses
- Campus stakeholders will come up with recommendations to adjust/modify the plan to ensure student success
- 8. This process will be repeated every six weeks

#### Campus Leadership Team

The campus leadership team will meet monthly to discuss the CNA's implementation and determine the level of success or restructuring that is needed to meet the initial goals of the plan. The committees will then go back and talk with their respective groups to disseminate the information. The leadership committee, which has a cross reference of teacher, staff, parent and student representation will then go back and share the necessary information with their grade level, small learning communities, content areas, parental involvement, or other key member of the learning community that is a stakeholder in the success of the CNA's implementation to make the appropriate adjustments for student success. This process will be followed every month to ensure that we are following the CNA's plan for student success. Project Manager

The campus project manager will oversee the monthly meetings to share and disseminate information on the CNA's progress. The project manager will have the most up to date data on student assessments, demographics, attendance rates, behavior logs and parental contact information. The project manager will call a meeting of the team more often than a month or call in a particular committee member depending on the data and needs of the campus at that given time. The project manager has the authority to meet as often as necessary to ensure the progress of the CNA's plan. Documentation

The monthly meetings will all have agenda's with research based articles and reports that the committee members need to read and discuss in keeping up to date with the latest research findings. The agenda's with sign-in's, articles and data will be contained in a binder that is to be kept up to date with the Project Manager. This binder will also contain other data that is necessary to document progress with regards to the full implementation of the grant.

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Section B: Formative Evaluation- Describe the LEA/campus' process for formative evaluation, including how the results of the evaluation will be used to improve the grant program

Formative Evaluation/Grant Rubric:

The leadership team will meet at the beginning of the year to develop a formative evaluation to improve the grant. Once developed the evaluation will be looked at by B. Garza Middle School stakeholders to provide feedback on it to ensure that it meets the needs of the grant.

Members of the leadership team, campus staff, parents and students will have the opportunity to evaluate the progress and goals of the CNA's plan with regards to student achievement and growth every six weeks. The data from this formative evaluation will be used as a guide to improve, restructure or modify the components of the CNA from that given time period forward.

#### Copy of Formative Evaluation Year 1, 2, 3

**Critical Success Factor #1:** Improve academic performance including but not limited to Reading/ELA and Mathematics. Is the campus meeting the necessary growth in this area? Please use real time data and examples to answer this question.

**Critical Success Factor #2:** Increase the use of quality data to drive instruction. Are all members of the learning community at BGMS utilizing the variety of data available to make real time decisions to impact student achievement? Please list the types of data that you use to determine interventions/remediation for students.

**Critical Success Factor #3:** Increase Leadership Effectiveness. How are the activities in this area promoting and enhancing student performance for all groups?

**Critical Success Factor #4:** Improve and Increase Learning Tine. How has the new instructional schedule (increased learning time for reading and math) enhanced student growth for all students?

**Critical Success Factor #5:** Increase Parent/Community Involvement. Have we had an increase in parent/community involvement from last year – please give examples to support your answer.

**Critical Success Factor #6:** Improve School Climate. Has the implementation of activities geared to promote and enhance school climate made a difference in student behavior, attendance rates and office referrals? Please use data to support your response.

**Critical Success Factor #7:** Increase Teacher Quality. What have you done to take advantage of the various professional development and masters opportunities provided by the grant? Please list the different types of professional development you attended this year in your content area that promotes and enhances student achievement.

What needs to be addressed from the 7 critical success factors-improve, modify, or adjust to fit the needs of BGMS to ensure success of the plan?

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#### Schedule # 4C—Performance Assessment and Evaluation

#### Part 2: Process for Development of Performance Goals

Describe the process to be implemented to develop the campus' performance goals. Include the groups participating in the development of the goals.

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Process that BGMS will use to develop the campus performance goals:

Stakeholders Committee Members consist of:

Teachers

Counselors

Administrators

**Parents** 

Students

Community Members

Leadership Team-Committee Chairs for the 7 Critical Success Factors

Site Base Members

Central Office LEA Members

- Step 1: The leadership team and campus members will be meeting as a whole to discuss the results of the 2010-2011 campus needs assessment plan.
- Step 2: Campus members will break into their committees.
- Step 3: Committee chairs/leadership team members will call meeting to order.
- Step 4: Leadership team members will dvelop an agenda to discuss the questions and results of their committee's findings.
- Step 5: Campus committees will develop 2-5 questions/formative assessment questionnaires for staff members, parents, community members and students to obtain feedback. The questions will come directly from the campus needs assessment and 7 Critical Success Factors. Once these questions are developed, a timeline will be developed by each committee as to how and what data will be used to determine whether a particular event/activity will be modified, changed or enhanced to in meeting the campus needs assessment performance goals. (Each committee will develop Performance goals for their assigned Critical Success Factor along with specific timelines.)
- Step 6: Campus committees determine dates for Performance Goals formative assessments.
- Step 7: Campus calendar is developed and shared with stakeholders that includes dates for the year of monthly meetings to assess the Performance Goals of the Grant.

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Process that BGMS will use to develop the campus' performance goals:

Step 8: Monthly meetings are held with all stakeholders to assess the Performance Goals of the 7 Critical Success Factors. The data will be collected and compiled by the the project managers. The project managers will compile a report to share with the leadership team first then the campus stakeholders. The data in this report will be used to evaluate the success and needs of the campus to help guide our focus and resources.

Step 9: Project managers will periodically set up meetings with the leadership team to discuss issues and concerns before the mandated monthly meetings to discuss and disseminate data that shows a decrease or learning gap for students.

Step 10: The data from the Performance Goals evaluation will guide the campus for the upcoming month. Based on the data, the campus will look at the strengths and weaknesses of the plan and move forward with curriculum and instruction adjustments. The campus will follow this process at least twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. We need to give any activity/event time to show progress, hence giving us up to date and correct data that we use to develop our curriculum, master schedule and instructional delivery of TEKS based material/content.

This is the tentative process that BGMS will follow if the campus receives the grant. These 10 steps will be discussed upon awarded the grant with the stakeholders to ensure that they are in agreement with the process to modify, change and improve the learning environment for our students.

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Schedule # 4C—Performance Assessment and Evaluation

Part 3: Annual Performance Goals

Improve Academic Performance – Enter the annual goals for student achievement, on both the State's assessments and other measures identified by the LEA, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Improve Student Achievement in Reading/ELA	TAKS with TPM	90 %	92%	94%	95%
2	Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics	TAKS with TPM	90%	88%	90%	92%
3	Improve Student Achievement in Reading for LEP	TAKS with TPM	82.07%	83%	87%	91%
4	Improve Student Achievement in Math for LEP	TAKS with TPM	70%	74%	78%	80%
5	Improve Student Achievement in Math for Special Ed.	TAKS with TPM	56%	75%	75%	80%

Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction – Enter the annual goals for increasing the use of quality data to drive instruction, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

**************************************	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	SPARS	Sign-in	DNA	50%	75%	100%
2	Increase reading lexile scores by 5% yearly	Scholastic Reading Inventory	40%	50%	70%	75%
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**Increase Leadership Effectiveness**— Enter the annual goals for increasing the effectiveness of campus leadership, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Walkthrough completed by Principal and Administrators	Eduphoria	DNA	Increase 10%	20%	30%
2	Participation in department/team meetings	Sign-in forms	DNA	Increase 20%	25%	30%
3	Use DRS to monitor campus data	Log in Activity	DNA	Increase use by 10%	15%	20%
4	Attend parent meetings	Sign-in forms	DNA	20%	25%	30%
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**Increase Learning Time** – Enter the annual goals for increasing learning time on the campus, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

***	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Lexile increase by 100	SRI by EOY	Individual- ized growth scores	10%	20%	40%
2	Math scores increase by 10 pts.	Benchmarks by 10 points every year	84	88	90	92
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**Increase Parent/Stakeholder Involvement** – Enter the annual goals for increasing parent and community involvement, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Increase parent attendance to parent information meetings	Sign-in	DNA	20%	25%	30%
2	Informational grade level meetings conducted per year	Sign-in form	DNA	2	3	3
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**Improve School Climate** – Enter the annual goals for improving the school climate, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

# 0	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Mentor Sessions	Conference Log	DNA	25%	50%	75%
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Increase Teacher Quality - Enter the annual goals for increasing teacher quality by measures identified by the LEA, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Increase number of walkthroughs	Eduphoria Walkthrough	20%	30%	40%	50%
2	Attend professional Development Sessions	Sign-in	20%	30%	40%	45%
3	Meet with Mentor	Sign-in	DNA	25%	50%	75%
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Other - Enter any other annual goals for improvement to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

***	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performa nce	Year 1 Progres s Goal		Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Increase number of parents attending literacy courses	survey	30	20%	30%	40%
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knowledge in school activities

program

Involve parents from a variety of backgrounds in decision making

Provide child care for parents participating in school activities

Acknowledge and include family members' diverse skills, talents, and

Offer "flexible" opportunities for parent involvement including home learning

activities and other activities that don't require parents to come to the school

Provide adult education, including GED and/or ESL classes, or family literacy

Offer computer literacy courses for parents and other program beneficiaries

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**B12** 

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**B14** 

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**B16** 

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Barrier: Drug-Related Activities

#	Strategies for Drug-related Activities	Students	Teachers	Others
D01	Provide early identification/intervention.			
D02	Provide Counseling.			
D03	Conduct home visits by staff.			
D04	Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting drug-free schools and communities.			
D05	Provide mentor program.			

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Other (Specify)

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other physical disabilities/constraints.

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Barrier:	Absenteeism/Truancy				
#	Strategie	s for Absenteeism/Truancy	Students	Teachers	Others
K01	Provide early identification/in	ntervention.			
К02	Develop and implement a tru	uancy intervention plan.			
К03	Conduct home visits by staff				
К04	Recruit volunteers to assist i	n promoting school attendance.			
К05	Provide mentor program.				
K06	Provide before/after school r	ecreational or educational activities.			
К07	Conduct parent/teacher conf	erences.			
K08	Strengthen school/parent co				
К09	Develop/maintain communit				
K10	Coordinate with health and s				
K11	Coordinate with the juvenile				
К12		e from business, industry, or institution of higher			
К99	Other (Specify)				
Barrier:	High Mobility Rates			-	
#	Strategi	es for High Mobility Rates	Students	Teachers	Others
L01	Coordinate with social service	es agencies			
L02	Establish partnerships with p	arents of highly mobile families.			
L03	Establish/maintain timely red	ord transferal system.			
L99	Other (Specify)				
Barrier:	Lack of Support from Pa	rents			
#		r Lack of Support from Parents	Students	Teachers	Others
M01		n to increase support from parents.			
M02 M03	Conduct home visits by staff				
M04	Conduct parent/teacher conf	r participate in school activities.		П	
M05	Establish school/parent comp		H		П
M06	Provide parenting training.				
M07	Provide a parent/family center	er.			
M08		formation in home language.			
M09		y of backgrounds in school decision making.			
M10	Offer "flexible" opportunities and other activities that don'	for involvement, including home learning activities t require coming to school.			
M11	Provide child care for parents	participating in school activities.			
M12	in school activities.	nily members' diverse skills, talents, acknowledge			
M13	program.	Iding GED and/or ESL classes, or family literacy			
M14		n for traditionally "hard to reach" parents.			
M99	Other (Specify)				

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Strategies for Lack of Transportation to Program Activities

Provide transportation for parents and other program beneficiaries to activities.

Offer "flexible" opportunities for involvement, including home learning activities

Strategies for Other Barrier

Conduct program activities in community centers and other neighborhood

and other activities that don't require coming to school.

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Barrier: Other Barrier

Other (Specify)

Other Barrier:

Other Strategy:

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Schedule #5—Program Budget Summary

Program Authority:

P.L. 107-110, Section 1003(g), as amended by ARRA, P.L. 111-5

CFDA # 84.388A & 84.377A

**Fund Code** 

ARRA (CFDA# 84.388A): 286

Regular (CFDA# 84.377A): 276

Project Period: August 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013

Project	t Periou:	August	., 2010 through	June 30, 2013		
Class/Object Code and D	escripti	on	Campus Grant Costs	LEA Admin Grant Costs	Pre-Award Cost	Total Grant Funds Budgeted
Payroll Costs	5B	6100	\$200,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$200,000
Professional and Contracted Services	5C	6200	\$405,000	0	\$30,000	\$435,000
Supplies and Materials	5D	6300	\$940,000	0	0	\$940,000
Other Operating Costs	5 <b>E</b>	6400	\$125,000	0	0	\$125,000
Capital Outlay (Exclusive of 6619 and 6629) (15XX for charter schools only)		6600/ 15XX	0	0	0	0
	Total Dir	ect Costs	0	0	0	1,750,000
	% Indir	ect Costs		0	0	0
Grand Total						
Total Budgeted Costs:			\$ 1,720,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 1,750,000
Administrative Cost Calculatio	n					
Enter total amount from Schedule #5	Budget S	ummary,	Last Column, Tota	al Budgeted Cost	s	
Multiply by ( % limit)						X 0
Enter Maximum Allowable for Adminis	tration, ir	cluding In	direct Costs			\$ 0

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#### Schedule #5-Program Budget Summary

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Budget Request by Grant Year: Enter the amount of grant funds requested for each year of the three year grant period.
Year 1: SY 2010-2011 \$1,750,000
Year 2: SY 2011-2012 \$1,750,000
Year 3: SY 2012-2013 \$1,750,000
* Any Budget Request entered for funds in Year 2 and/or Year 3 constitutes the LEA/campus requesting approval of the waiver for extending the period of availability of these grant funds, whether indicated on Schedule #4B—Program Description: Waiver Requests or not.
Provide any necessary explanation or clarification of budgeted costs
See attached schedule 5.

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#### Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant Schedule #5B—Payroll Costs (6100)

Bug	dgeted C	osts					
	Emp	loyee Position Titles	Justification	#Full- Time Effort	#Part- Time Effort	Pre-Award	Amount Budgeted
Inst	truction						1
1	Teacher		Stipends. Attendance, growth	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 50,000
2	Educatio	nal_Aide	Stipends for tutorials	0	0	0	25,000
3	Tutor			0	0	0	0
		agement and Administration	<del></del>			1 -	1 45 555
4	Project D	Directors	Eva Saucedo & Cynthia Gonzalez	0	0	0	12,000
5	Project C	Coordinator	John Garlic oversees campus implementation	0	0	0	8000
6	Teacher	Facilitator	Roger Perez oversees leadership teams	0	0	0	3000
7	Teacher	Supervisor	Mentors to content area teachers	0	0	0	20,000
8	Secretar	y/Administrative Assistant	Work with reports and budget	0	0	0	2000
9	Data Ent	ry Clerk		0	0	0	2000
10		countant/Bookkeeper		0	0	0	2000
11		r/Evaluation t/Leadership Team	Oversee committees and collect data	0	0	0	27,000
Aux	iliary						_
12	Counselo	r	Leadership Team - At Risk Pop	0	0	0	6000
13	Social We	orker		0	0	0	3000
14	Child Car	re Provider	Daycare services for staff on Staff development	0	0	0	5000
15	Commun	ity Liaison/Parent Coordinator	Facilitate parent meetings	0	0	0	1000
16	Bus Drive	er		0	0	0	0
17	Cafeteria	Staff		0	0	0	0
18	Librarian		Keeps committees up to date with research	0	0	0	3000
19	School N	urse		0	0	0	6000
Oth	er Employ	ee Positions	<u></u>				
22	Title:			0	0	0	0
23	Title:			0	0	0	0
24	Title:			0	0	0	0
25	Title:			0	0	0	0
26			Subto	tal Employ	ee Costs	\$ 0	\$ 225,000
Sub	stitute, Ex	ktra-Duty, Benefits					
27	6112	Substitute Pay				\$ 0	\$ 25,000
28	6119	Professional Staff Extra-Duty I	Pay			0	0
29	6121	Support Staff Extra-Duty Pay				0	0
30	6140	Employee Benefits				0	0
31			Subtotal Substitute, Extra-D	uty, Benef	its Costs	\$ 0	\$ 25,000
32			Grand Total Payroll Budget	(line 26 +	· line 31)	\$ 0	\$ 250,000

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S	chedule #5C- Itemized 6200 Professional and Contracte	ed Services C	osts Requirin	g Specific A	
Expense Item Description				Pre-Award	Total Amount Budgeted
6212	Audit Costs (other than audits required under OMB Circular A-133)			\$ 0	\$ 0
	Specify purpose				
6269	Rental or Lease of Buildings, Space in Buildings, or Land			0	0
	Specify purpose and provide calculation:				
6299	Contracted Publication and Printing Costs (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools)  Specify purpose:			0	0
	Scholarships and Fellowships (not allowed for nonprofit charter schools)			0	0
6299	Specify purpose:				
Subto					
	6200 - Professional and Contracted Services Cos	t Requiring Sp	ecific Approva	0	0
Profe	ssional and Consulting Services (6219/6239) Less than \$10,00	00			
#	Topic/Purpose/Service		Total Contracted Amount	Pre-Award	Total Amount Budgeted
1.	ELL Consultant		10,000		10,000
2.	Special Ed Consultant		10,000		10,000
3.	Reading Strategies		5,000		5,000
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.			0	0	0
8.			0	0	0
9.			0	0	0
10.			0	0	0
Subto	tal				
	Professional and Consulting	g Services Les	s than \$10,000	\$ 0	\$ 180,00
Profe	ssional and Consulting Services (6219) Greater than or Equal t	o \$10,000	-		
1. Des	scription of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose,	/Service):			
Contr	actor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided	# Positions	Total Contracted Amount	Pre-Award	Total Amount Budgeted
	Contractor's Payroll Costs		\$ 25,000	<b>\$</b> 0	\$ 25,000
	Title: LoTi		7 25/555	7 0	+ 20,000

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Total Payment: \$ 50,000

Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services

Supplies and Materials

Other Operating Costs

Indirect Cost (\_

Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)

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Schedule #5C- Itemized 6200 Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval (cont.)

Professional and Consulting Services (6219) Greater than or Equal to \$10,000 (cont.)

2. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):

Contractor's Cos	Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided # Position		Total Contracted Amount	Pre- Award	Total Amount Budgeted
	Contractor's Payroll Costs		\$ 25,000	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$ 25,00</b> 0
	Title: Region 1		\$ 25,000	<b>4</b> 0	\$ 23,000
	Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services		0	0	0
	Supplies and Materials		5,000	0	5,000
	Other Operating Costs		0	0	0
	Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)		0	0	0
	Indirect Cost (%)		0	0	0
		Total Payment:	\$ 30,000	<b>\$</b> 0	\$ 30,000

3. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):

Contractor's C	ost Breakdown of Service to be Provided	# Positions	Total Contracted Amount	Pre- Award	Total Amount Budgeted
	Contractor's Payroll Costs		<b>\$</b> 150,000	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 150,000
	Title: SIRC Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services Supplies and Materials		<b>4</b> 150,000		Ψ 150,000
			0	0	0
			150,000	0	150,000
	Other Operating Costs		0	0	0
	Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)		0	0	0
	Indirect Cost (%)		0	0	0
		Total Payment:	\$ 300,000	\$ 0	\$ 300,000

4. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):

Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided # Positions		Total Contracted Amount	Pre- Award	Total Amount Budgeted	
	Contractor's Payroll Costs		<b>.</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0
	Title:		<b>\$</b> 0		
	Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services		0	0	0
	Supplies and Materials		0	0	0
	Other Operating Costs		0	0	0
	Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)		0	0	0
	Indirect Cost (%)		0	0	0
		Total Payment:	<b>\$</b> 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Subtotal: P	rofessional and Consulting Services Greater Than or	Equal to \$10,000:	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0	\$ 0
Subtotal of Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval:			0	0	0
Subtotal of Professional and Consulting Services or Subgrants Less than \$10,000:			25,000	0	25,000
Subtotal of Professional and Consulting Services Greater than or Equal to \$10,000:			380,000	0	380,000
Remaining 6	Remaining 6200- Professional and Contracted Services that do not require specific approval:		0	0	0
		Grand Total:	0	0	0

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Grand Total | \$ 0

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	Schedule #5E	- Itemized 6400 Other Operating Costs Req		Approval	
		Expense Item Description		Pre-Award	Total Budgeted
6411	Out of State Travel for Er Specify purpose:	nployees (includes registration fees)		\$ 0	\$ 50,000
6412	Travel for Students (includes registration fees; does not include field trips) (specific approval			0	75,000
6413	Stipends for Non-Employees (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools)				0
6419	Travel for Non-Employees	(includes registration fees; does not include field trips nonprofit charter schools)	s) (specific	0	0
6411/ 6419	Travel Costs for Executive (includes registration feet	Director (6411), Superintendents (6411), or Board M	embers (6419)	0	0
6429	Specify purpose:  Actual losses which could	have been covered by permissible insurance		0	0
6490	Indemnification Compens	ation for Loss or Damage		0	0
6490	Advisory Council/Commit	ee Travel or Other Expenses (explain purpose of Comrescription: Project Management)	nittee on	0	o
	Membership Dues in Civic Specify name and purpos	or Community Organizations (Not allowable for Universe of organization:	rsity applicants)	0	o
6499	Publication and Printing Costs- if reimbursed (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools)			0	0
\$000 BEET BOOK BOOK	Specify purpose:				
		Total 64XX- Operating Costs Requiring	<del></del>		0
	Remaining 6	400 – Other Operating Costs that do not require s	specific approval:	0	0
			Grand Total	<b>\$</b> 0	\$ 125,000

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Statement of provisions and assurances for the program(s) in this application:

- A. Terms defined: As used in these Provisions and Assurances,
  - Contract means the entire document, and all of TEA's attachments, appendices, schedules (including but not limited to the General Provisions and the Special Provisions), amendments and extensions of or to the Standard Contract;
  - Agency or TEA means the Texas Education Agency;
  - Contractor means the party or parties to this contract other than Agency; including its or their officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, consultants and subcontractors, and subcontractors' officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives and consultants;
  - Project Administrator means the person representing Agency or Contractor, as indicated by the contract, for the purposes of administering the contract project;
  - Contract Project means the purpose intended to be achieved through the contract of which these Provisions and Assurances are a part;
  - Applicant means the same as Contractor;
  - SAS means the Standard Application System of which the application document is a part;
  - "Application" means the entire package submitted by the Applicant including the schedules contained in the application and so indicated on the General Information page of the application package;
  - Amendment means an application that is revised in budget categories and/or in program activities. It includes both the
    original application and any subsequent amendments; or extensions thereto;
  - Works means all tangible or intangible material, products, ideas, documents or works of authorship prepared or created by Contractor for or on behalf of TEA at any time after the beginning date of the Contract (Works includes but is not limited to computer software, data, information, images, illustrations, designs, graphics, drawings, educational materials, assessment forms, testing materials, logos, trademarks, patentable materials, etc.); and,
  - Intellectual Property Rights means the worldwide intangible legal rights or interests evidenced by or embodied in: (a) any idea, design, concept, method, process, technique, apparatus, invention, discovery, or improvement, including any patents, trade secrets, and know-how; (b) any work of authorship, including any copyrights, moral rights or neighboring rights; (c) any trademark, service mark, trade dress, trade name, or other indicia of source or origin; (d) domain name registrations; and (e) any other similar rights. The Intellectual Property Rights of a party include all worldwide intangible legal rights or interests that the party may have acquired by assignment or license with the right to grant sublicenses.
  - Grant means the same as Contract;
  - Grantee means the same as Contractor;
  - Grantor means the same as Agency; and
  - DCC means the Document Control Center of Agency.
- **B.** Contingency: This contract is executed by Agency subject to the availability of funds appropriated by legislative act for the purposes stated. All amendments and/or extensions or subsequent contracts entered into for the same or continued purposes are executed contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Notwithstanding any other provision in this contract or any other document, this contract is void upon appropriated funds becoming unavailable. In addition, this contract may be terminated by Agency at any time for any reason upon notice to Contractor. Expenditures and/or activities for which Contractor may claim reimbursement shall not be accrued or claimed subsequent to receipt of such notice from Agency. This contract may be extended or otherwise amended only by formal written amendment properly executed by both Agency and Contractor. No other agreement, written or oral, purporting to alter or amend this contract shall be valid.
- C. Contractor's Application: Furnished to Agency in response to a request for application, is incorporated in this contract by reference for all necessary purposes. It is specifically provided, however, that the provisions of this contract shall prevail in all cases of conflict arising from the terms of Contractor's application whether such application is a written part of this contract or is attached as a separate document.
- **D. Requirements, Terms, Conditions, and Assurances:** Which are stated in the Request for Application, in response to which Applicant is submitting this application, are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes although the current General Provisions shall prevail in the event of conflict. The instructions to the Standard Application System, as well as the General and Fiscal Guidelines and Program Guidelines, are incorporated herein by reference.

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- E. Signature Authority; Final Expression; Superseding Document: Applicant certifies that the person signing this application has been properly delegated this authority. The Contract represents the final and complete expression of the terms of agreement between the parties. The Contract supersedes any previous understandings or negotiations between the parties. Any representations, oral statements, promises or warranties that differ from the Contract shall have no force or effect. The Contract may be modified, amended or extended only by formal written amendment properly executed by both TEA and Contractor.
- F. State of Texas Laws: In the conduct of the contract project, Contractor shall be subject to Texas State Board of Education and Commissioner rules pertaining to this contract and the contract project and to the laws of the State of Texas governing this contract and the contract project. This contract constitutes the entire agreement between Agency and Contractor for the accomplishment of the contract project. This contract shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Texas except as may be otherwise provided for in this contract.
- **G. Monitoring**: Desk reviews or on-site monitoring reviews may be conducted by Agency to determine compliance with the approved application and the applicable statute(s), law(s), regulations, and guidelines.
- H. Sanctions for Failure to Perform or for Noncompliance: If Contractor, in Agency's sole determination, fails or refuses for any reason to comply with or perform any of its obligations under this contract, Agency may impose such sanctions as it may deem appropriate. This includes but is not limited to the withholding of payments to Contractor until Contractor complies; the cancellation, termination, or suspension of this contract in whole or in part; and the seeking of other remedies as may be provided by this contract or by law. Any cancellation, termination, or suspension of this contract, if imposed, shall become effective at the close of business on the day of Contractor's receipt of written notice thereof from Agency.
- I. Contract Cancellation, etc.: If this contract is canceled, terminated, or suspended by Agency prior to its expiration date, the reasonable monetary value of services properly performed by Contractor pursuant to this contract prior to such cancellation, termination or suspension shall be determined by Agency and paid to Contractor as soon as reasonably possible.
- J. Indemnification:
  - For local educational agencies (LEAs), regional education service centers (ESCs), and institutions of higher education (IHEs) and state agencies: Contractor, to the extent permitted by law, shall hold Agency harmless from and shall indemnify Agency against any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature asserted by any third party and occurring or in any way incident to, arising from, or in connection with, any acts of Contractor, its agents, employees, and subcontractors, done in the conduct of the contract project.
  - For all other grantees, subgrantees, contractors, and subcontractors, including nonprofit organizations and forprofit businesses: Contractor shall hold Agency harmless from and shall indemnify Agency against any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature asserted by any third party and occurring or in any way incident to, arising from, or in connection with, any acts of Contractor, its agents, employees, and subcontractors, done in the conduct of the contract project.
- K. Encumbrances/Obligations: All encumbrances/obligations shall occur on or between the beginning and ending dates of the contract. All goods must be received and all services rendered and subsequently liquidated (recorded as an expenditure or accounts payable) within the contract dates. In no manner shall encumbrances be considered or reflected as accounts payable or as expenditures, and an encumbrance cannot be considered an expenditure or accounts payable until the goods have been received and the services have been rendered. Obligations that are liquidated and recognized as expenditures must meet the allowable cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, A-21, or A-122 (as applicable) and program rules, regulations, and guidelines contained elsewhere. This applies to all grant programs, including state and federal, discretionary and formula.

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- L. Financial Management and Accounting: Grantee assures it will maintain a financial management system that complies with federal standards established in 34 CFR 80.20 and 74.21 and that provides for accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each grant project. The financial management system records will identify adequately the source and application of funds and will contain information pertaining to grant awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, outlays (i.e., expenditures), income, and interest. Fiscal control and accounting procedures will permit the tracing of funds to a level of expenditure adequate to establish that funds have been used in accordance with the approved grant application. The applicant agrees to maintain effective control over and accountability for all funds, property, and other assets. Public school districts, open enrollment charter schools, and regional education service centers in Texas must comply with the accounting requirements in the Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) module of the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide).
- M. Expenditure Reports: Contractor shall submit expenditure reports in the time and manner requested by Agency as specified in the instructions to the Standard Application System (SAS) which are incorporated by reference. Unless otherwise specified, interim reports are due to TEA within 15 days after the end of each reporting period. Unless otherwise specified, the final expenditure report is due within 30 days after the ending date of the grant. Revised expenditure reports, where the grantee is claiming additional expenditures beyond that originally requested, must be submitted within 60 days after the ending date of the grant, or as specified in the applicable Program Guidelines.
- N. Refunds Due to TEA: If Agency determines that Agency is due a refund of money paid to Contractor pursuant to this contract, Contractor shall pay the money due to Agency within 30 days of Contractor's receipt of written notice that such money is due to Agency. If Contractor fails to make timely payment, Agency may obtain such money from Contractor by any means permitted by law, including but not limited to offset, counterclaim, cancellation, termination, suspension, total withholding, and/or disapproval of all or any subsequent applications for said funds.
- O. Records Retention: Contractor shall maintain its records and accounts in a manner which shall assure a full accounting for all funds received and expended by Contractor in connection with the contract project. These records and accounts shall be retained by Contractor and made available for programmatic or financial audit by Agency and by others authorized by law or regulation to make such an audit for a period of not less than five years from the date of completion of the contract project or the date of the receipt by Agency of Contractor's final claim for payment or final expenditure report in connection with this contract, whichever is later. If an audit has been announced, the records shall be retained until such audit has been completed.
  - Contractor understands that acceptance of funds under this contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's office, or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Contractor further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Contractor will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through Contractor and the requirements to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.
- P. Time and Effort Recordkeeping: For those personnel whose salaries are prorated between or among different funding sources, time and effort records will be maintained by Applicant that will confirm the services provided within each funding source. Applicant must adjust payroll records and expenditures based on this documentation. This requirement applies to all projects, regardless of funding source, unless otherwise specified. For federally funded projects, time and effort records must be in accordance with the requirements in the applicable OMB cost principles.
- Q. Forms, Assurances, and Reports: Contractor shall timely make and file with the proper authorities all forms, assurances and reports required by federal laws and regulations. Agency shall be responsible for reporting to the proper authorities any failure by Contractor to comply with the foregoing laws and regulations coming to Agency's attention, and may deny payment or recover payments made by Agency to Contractor in the event of Contractor's failure so to comply.
- **R.** Intellectual Property Ownership: Contractor agrees that all Works are, upon creation, works made for hire and the sole property of TEA. If the Works are, under applicable law, not considered works made for hire, Contractor hereby assigns to TEA all worldwide ownership of all rights, including the Intellectual Property Rights, in the Works, without the necessity of any further consideration, and TEA can obtain and hold in its own name all such rights to the Works. Contractor agrees to maintain written agreements with all officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors engaged by Contractor for the Contract Project, granting Contractor rights sufficient to support the performance and grant of rights to TEA by Contractor. Copies of such agreements shall be provided to TEA promptly upon request.

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Contractor warrants that (i) it has the authority to grant the rights herein granted, (ii) it has not assigned or transferred any right, title, or interest to the Works or Intellectual Property Rights that would conflict with its obligations under the Contract, and Contractor will not enter into any such agreements, and (iii) the Works will be original and will not infringe any intellectual property rights of any other person or entity. These warranties will survive the termination of the Contract. If any preexisting rights are embodied in the Works, Contractor grants to TEA the irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free right and license to (i) use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, distribute copies of, and prepare derivative works based upon such preexisting rights and any derivative works thereof and (ii) authorize others to do any or all of the foregoing. Contractor agrees to notify TEA on delivery of the Works if they include any such preexisting rights. On request, Contractor will provide TEA with documentation indicating a third party's written approval for Contractor to use any preexisting rights that may be embodied or reflected in the Works.

For School Districts and Nonprofit Organizations: The foregoing Intellectual Property Ownership provisions apply to any school districts, nonprofit organizations, and their employees, agents, representatives, consultants and subcontractors. If a school district or nonprofit organization or any of its subcontractor(s) wish to obtain a license agreement to use, advertise, offer for sale, sell, distribute, publicly display, publicly perform or reproduce the Works, or make derivative works from the Works, then express written permission must first be obtained from the TEA Copyright Office.

For Education Service Centers (ESCs): The foregoing Intellectual Property Ownership provisions apply to an Education Service Center (ESC) and its employees, agents, representatives, consultants, and subcontractors. If an ESC or any of its subcontractor(s) wish to obtain a license agreement to use, advertise, offer for sale, sell, distribute, publicly display, publicly perform or reproduce the Works, or make derivative works from the Works, then express written permission must first be obtained from the TEA Copyright Office.

For Colleges and Universities: The foregoing Intellectual Property Ownership provisions apply to any colleges and universities and their employees, agents, representatives, consultants, and subcontractors; provided, that for all Works and derivative works created or conceived by colleges or universities under the Contract, they are granted a non-exclusive, non-transferable, royalty-free license to use the Works for their own academic and educational purposes only. The license for academic and educational purposes specifically excludes advertising, offering for sale, selling, distributing, publicly displaying, publicly performing, or reproducing the Works, or making derivative works from the Works that are created or conceived under this Contract and colleges and universities and their employees, agents, representatives, consultants, and subcontractors are prohibited from engaging in these uses and activities with regard to the Works unless the prior express written permission of the TEA Copyright Office is obtained.

- **S. Unfair Business Practices: Unfair Business Practices:** By signing this Contract, Contractor, if other than a state agency, certifies that Contractor, within the preceding 12 months, has not been found guilty, in a judicial or state agency administrative proceeding, of unfair business practices. Contractor, if other than a state agency, also certifies that no officer of its company has, within the preceding 12 months, served as an officer in another company which has been found, in a judicial or state agency administrative proceeding, to be guilty of unfair business practices.
  - Contractor, whether a state agency or not a state agency, certifies that no funds provided under this Contract shall be used to purchase supplies, equipment, or services from any companies found to be guilty of unfair business practices within 12 months from the determination of guilt.
- **T. Subcontracting:** Contractor shall not assign or subcontract any of its rights or responsibilities under this contract, except as may be otherwise provided for in this application, without prior formal written amendment to this contract properly executed by both Agency and Contractor.
- Use of Consultants: Notwithstanding any other provision of this application, Applicant shall not use or pay any consultant in the conduct of this application if the services to be rendered by any such consultant can be provided by Applicant's employees.
- V. Capital Outlay: If Contractor purchases capital outlay (furniture and/or equipment) to accomplish the objective(s) of the project, title will remain with Contractor for the period of the contract. Agency reserves the right to transfer capital outlay items for contract noncompliance during the contract period or as needed after the ending date of the contract. This provision applies to any and all furniture and/or equipment regardless of unit price and how the item is classified in Contractor's accounting record.

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- W. Agency Property (terms): In the event of loss, damage or destruction of any property owned by or loaned by Agency while in the custody or control of Contractor, its employees, agents, consultants or subcontractors, Contractor shall indemnify Agency and pay to Agency the full value of or the full cost of repair or replacement of such property, whichever is the greater, within 30 days of Contractor's receipt of written notice of Agency's determination of the amount due. This applies whether the property is developed or purchased by Contractor pursuant to this contract or is provided by Agency to Contractor for use in the contract project. If Contractor fails to make timely payment, Agency may obtain such money from Contractor by any means permitted by law, including but not limited to offset or counterclaim against any money otherwise due to Contractor by Agency.
- X. Travel Costs: Amounts authorized for maximum recovery for travel and per diem costs against any state or federal funding source are restricted to those amounts which are approved in the State of Texas Appropriations Bill in effect for the particular funding period. Any amount over this limit must come from local funding sources. Applicant must recover funds at a lesser rate if local policy amounts are less than the maximum allowed by the state. Out-of-state travel may not exceed the federal government rate for the locale. Travel allowances are not allowable costs.
- Y. Funds for Religious Worship, Instruction: No funds will be used to pay for religious worship, instruction, or proselytization, or for any equipment or supplies for such, or for any construction, remodeling, repair, operation, or maintenance of any facility or part of a facility to be used for religious worship, instruction, or proselytization (34 CFR 76.532 and P. L. 107-110, section 9505).
- **Z. Disclosure of Gifts and Campaign Contributions:** The grantee shall file disclosures of gifts and campaign contributions as required by State Board of Education Operating Rule 4.3, which is incorporated as if set out in full. The grantee has a continuing obligation to make disclosures through the term of the contract. Failure to comply with State Board of Education Operating Rule 4.3 is grounds for canceling the grant.
- AA. Submission of Audit Reports to TEA: Grantees which are public school districts and open enrollment charter schools agree to submit the required annual audit report, including the reporting package required under OMB Circular A-133, if an audit is required to be conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, to the TEA Division of School Financial Audits in the time and manner requested by the Agency.

Grantees which are **nonprofit organizations** (other than charter schools) and universities/colleges that expend \$500,000 or more total in federal awards in any fiscal year and are thus required to conduct a Single Audit or program-specific audit in accordance with the requirements in OMB Circular A-133, agree to submit a copy of such audit to TEA when the schedule of findings and questioned costs disclosed audit findings relating to any federal awards provided by TEA. A copy of such audit shall also be submitted to TEA if the summary schedule of prior audit findings reported the status of any audit findings relating to any federal awards provided by TEA.

A nonprofit organization or university/college grantee shall provide written notification to TEA that an audit was conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 when the schedule of findings and questioned costs disclosed no audit findings related to any federal awards provided by TEA or when the summary schedule of prior audit findings did not report on the status of any prior audit findings related to any federal awards provided by TEA. Nonprofit organizations (other than charter schools) and universities/colleges shall submit the audit report to the TEA Division of Discretionary Grants. Audit reports must be submitted to TEA within 30 days of receipt of the report from the auditor. Failure to submit a copy of the audit to TEA could result in a reduction of funds paid to the grantee, a refund to TEA, termination of the grant, and/or ineligibility to receive additional grant awards from TEA.

- **BB. Federal Rules, Laws, and Regulations That Apply to all Federal Programs:** Contractor shall be subject to and shall abide by all federal laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the contract project, including but not limited to:
  - 1. Americans With Disabilities Act, P. L. 101-336, 42 U.S.C. sec. 12101, and the regulations effectuating its provisions contained in 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36, 29 CFR Part 1630, and 47 CFR Parts 0 and 64;
  - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (prohibition of discrimination by race, color, or national origin), and the regulations effectuating its provisions contained in 34 CFR Part 100;
  - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (prohibition of sex discrimination in educational
    institutions) and the regulations effectuating its provisions contained in 34 CFR Part 106, if Contractor is an educational
    institution;
  - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (nondiscrimination on the basis of handicapping condition), and the regulations effectuating its provisions contained in 34 CFR Part 104 and 105;

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- the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (prohibition of discrimination on basis of age), and any regulations issued thereunder, including the provisions contained in 34 CFR Part 110;
- the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1975, as amended (ensures access to educational records for students and parents while protecting the privacy of such records), and any regulations issued thereunder, including Privacy Rights of Parents and Students (34 CFR Part 99), if Contractor is an educational institution (20 USC 1232g);
- 7. Section 509 of H.R. 5233 as incorporated by reference in P. L. 99-500 and P. L. 99-591 (prohibition against the use of federal grant funds to influence legislation pending before Congress);
- 8. **Pro-Children Act of 2001**, which states that no person shall permit smoking within any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted and utilized for the provision of routine or regular kindergarten, elementary, or secondary education or library services to children [P. L. 107-110, Section 4303(a)]. In addition, no person shall permit smoking within any indoor facility (or portion of such a facility) owned or leased or contracted and utilized for the provision of regular or routine health care or day care or early childhood development (Head Start) services [P. L. 107-110, Section 4303(b)(1)]. Any failure to comply with a prohibition in this Act shall be considered to be a violation of this Act and any person subject to such prohibition who commits such violation may be liable to the United States for a civil penalty, as determined by the Secretary of Education (P. L. 107-110, Section 4303(e)(1)].
- 9. Fair Labor Standards Act (29 USC 207), Davis Bacon Act (40 USC 276(a), and Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 USC 327 et seq.), as applicable, and their implementing regulations in 29 CFR 500-899, 29 CFR Parts 1,3,5, and 7, and 29 CFR Parts 5 and 1926, respectively.
- 10. **Buy America Act**: Contractor certifies that it is in compliance with the Buy America Act in that each end product purchased under any federally funded supply contract exceeding \$2,500 is considered to have been substantially produced or manufactured in the United States. End products exempt from this requirement are those for which the cost would be unreasonable, products manufactured in the U. S. that are not of satisfactory quality, or products for which the agency head determines that domestic preference would be inconsistent with the public interest. Contractor also certifies that documentation will be maintained that documents compliance with this requirement (FAR 25.1-.2).
- 11. P.L. 103-227, Title X, Miscellaneous Provisions of the GOALS 2000: Educate America Act; P.L. 103-382, Title XIV, General Provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended; and General Education Provisions Act, as amended.

#### CC. Federal Regulations Applicable to All Federal Programs:

- 1. For Local Educational Agencies (LEAs): 28 CFR 35 Subparts A-E, 28 CFR 36 Subparts C & D, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1630, 34 CFR 75 or 76 as applicable, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 97, 98, 99, 104, 47 CFR 0 and 64, and OMB Circulars A-87 (Cost Principles), A-133 (Audits), and A-102 (Uniform Administrative Requirements);
- 2. For Education Service Centers (ESCs): 28 CFR 35 Subparts A-E, 28 CFR 36 Subparts C & D, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1630, 34 CFR 75 or 76 as applicable, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 97, 98, 99, 104, 47 CFR 0 and 64, and OMB Circulars A-87 (Cost Principles), A-133 (Audits), and A-102 (Uniform Administrative Requirements);
- 3. For Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs): 28 CFR 35 Subparts A-E, 28 CFR 36 Subparts C & D, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1630, 34 CFR 74, 77, 79, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, 99, 104, 47 CFR 0 and 64, and OMB Circulars A-21 (Cost Principles), A-133 (Audits), and A-110 (Uniform Administrative Requirements);
- 4. For Nonprofit Organizations: 28 CFR 35 Subparts A-E, 28 CFR 36 Subparts C & D, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1630, 34 CFR 74, 77, 79, 81, 82, 85, 97, 98, 99, 104, 47 CFR 0 and 64, and OMB Circulars A-122 (Cost Principles), A-133 (Audits), and A-110 (Uniform Administrative Requirements);
- 5. For State Agencies: 28 CFR 35 Subparts A-E, 28 CFR 36 Subparts C & D, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1630, 34 CFR 76, 80, 81, 82, 85, 97, 98, 99, 104, 47 CFR 0 and 64, OMB Circulars A-87 (Cost Principles), A-133 (Audits), and A-102 (Uniform Administrative Requirements); and
- 6. For Commercial (for-profit) Organizations: 29 CFR 1630 and 48 CFR Part 31.

# DD. General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), as Amended, <u>Applicable to All Federal Programs Funded or Administered Through or By the U. S. Department of Education:</u>

1. **Participation in Planning:** Applicant will provide reasonable opportunities for the participation by teachers, parents, and other interested parties, organizations, and individuals in the planning for and operation of each program described in this application (20 USC 1232(e)).

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- Availability of Information: Any application, evaluation, periodic program plan, or report relating to each program
  described in this application will be made readily available to parents and other members of the general public (20 USC
  1232(e)).
- 3. **Sharing of Information:** Contractor certifies that it has adopted effective procedures for acquiring and disseminating to teachers and administrators participating in each program described in this application significant information from educational research, demonstrations, and similar projects, and for adopting, where appropriate, promising educational practices developed through such projects (20 USC 1232(e)).
- 4. **Prohibition of Funds for Busing:** The applicant certifies that no federal funds (except for funds appropriated specifically for this purpose) will be used for the transportation of students or teachers (or for the purchase of equipment for such transportation) in order to overcome racial imbalance in any school or school system, or for the transportation of students or teachers (or for the purchase of equipment for such transportation) in order to carry out a plan of racial desegregation of any school or school system (20 USC 1228).
- 5. **Direct Financial Benefit:** Contractor certifies that funds expended under any federal program will not be used to acquire equipment (including computer software) in any instance in which such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interests of the purchasing entity or its employees or any affiliate of such an organization [20 USC 1232(b)(8)].
- **EE.** Payment for Services: Payment for service(s) described in this Contract is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the service(s). Satisfaction will be determined by TEA's Project Administrator, in his sole discretion but in accordance with reasonable standards and upon advice of his superiors in TEA, if necessary.
- FF. Family Code Applicability: By signing this Contract, Contractor, if other than a state agency, certifies that under Section 231.006, Family Code, that Contractor is not ineligible to receive payment under this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate. TEA reserves the right to terminate this Contract if Contractor is found to be ineligible to receive payment. If Contractor is found to be ineligible to receive payment and the Contract is terminated, Contractor is liable to TEA for attorney's fees, the costs necessary to complete the Contract, including the cost of advertising and awarding a second contract, and any other damages or relief provided by law or equity.
- **GG. Interpretation**: In the case of conflicts arising in the interpretation of wording and/or meaning of various sections, parts, Appendices, General Provisions, Special Provisions, Exhibits, and Attachments or other documents, the TEA Contract and its General Provisions, Appendices and Special Provisions shall take precedence over all other documents which are a part of this contract.
- HH. Registered Lobbyists: No state or federal funds transferred to a contractor/grantee may be used to hire a registered lobbyist.
- II. Test Administration and Security: This contract is executed by Agency subject to assurance by Contractor that it has at all times been and shall remain in full compliance with Title 19, Texas Administrative Code Chapter 101, and all requirements and procedures for maintaining test security specified in any test administration materials in the possession or control of Contractor, or any school, campus, or program operated by Contractor. Notwithstanding any other provision in this contract or any other document, this contract is void upon notice by Agency, in its sole discretion, that Contractor or any school, campus, or program operated by Contractor has at any time committed a material violation of Title 19, Texas Administrative Code Chapter 101, or any requirement or procedure for maintaining test security specified in any test administration materials in the possession or control of Contractor, or any school, campus, or program operated by Contractor. Expenditures and/or activities for which Contractor may claim reimbursement shall not be accrued or claimed subsequent to receipt of such notice from Agency.
- **JJ. Social Security Numbers**: Social Security numbers will not be provided by TEA as a part of this agreement. TEA is not requiring or requesting school districts or other grantees to provide Social Security numbers as a part of this agreement.
- **KK. Student-identifying Information:** Contractor agrees that in executing tasks on behalf of TEA, Contractor will not use any student-identifying information in any way that violates the provisions of FERPA and will destroy or return all student-identifying information to TEA within thirty (30) days of project completion.

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High-Risk Status, Special Conditions, and Enforcement Actions: Pursuant to the provisions in 34 CFR 80.12 and 74.14, a grantee may be identified by TEA as high-risk if the grantee has a history of unsatisfactory performance; is not financially stable; has a financial management system that does not meet federal financial management standards or the requirements in TEA's Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) module; has not conformed to terms and conditions of previous awards; or is otherwise not responsible. TEA may impose one or more special conditions or restrictions on a high-risk grantee, including payment on a reimbursement basis; withholding authority to proceed to the next phase until receipt of evidence of acceptable performance within a given funding period; requiring additional, more detailed financial reports; additional project monitoring; requiring the grantee to obtain technical or management assistance; establishing additional prior approvals; or other conditions that may be legally available. A grantee identified as high-risk will be notified in writing by TEA of the special conditions imposed and the process for removing the high-risk status and special conditions.

Pursuant to the provisions in 34 CFR 80.43 and 74.62, if a grantee materially fails to comply with any term of an award, whether stated in a federal statute or regulation, an assurance, in a grant application, or elsewhere, TEA may take one or more of the following enforcement actions as appropriate in the circumstances: temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency or more severe enforcement action; disallow all or part of the cost of an activity or action not in compliance; wholly or partly suspend or terminate the current award; withhold further awards for the program; or take other remedies that may be legally available. If an enforcement action is imposed, the grantee will be notified in writing by TEA of the actions imposed and the process for remedying the noncompliance or removing the enforcement actions.

TEA reserves the right to not award a discretionary grant to a high-risk grantee or to a grantee that is materially non-compliant with the terms and conditions of another award.

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The signing of Schedule #1 - General Information by applicant indicates acceptance of and compliance with all requirements described on this schedule.

#### **SCHEDULE #6 B**

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions

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This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.11.

#### Terms defined: As used in these Provisions and Assurances

- "Covered Transaction"— A transaction under Federal non-procurement programs, which can be either a primary covered transaction or a lower tier covered transaction.
- "Lower Tier Covered Transaction"— (1) Any transaction between a participant and a person other than a procurement contract for goods or services, regardless of type, under a primary covered transaction; (2) Any procurement contract for goods or services between a participant and a person, regardless of type, expected to equal or exceed the Federal procurement small purchase threshold of \$25,000; (3) Any procurement contract for goods or services between a participant and a person under a covered transaction, regardless of amount.
- "Participant" Any person who submits a proposal for, enters into, or reasonably may be expected to enter into a covered transaction, including an agent or representative of another participant.
- "Principal"— An officer, director, owner, partner, principal investigator, or other person within a participant with management or supervisory responsibilities related to a covered transaction; or a consultant or other person, whether or not employed by the participant or paid with Federal funds, who (1) is in a position to handle Federal funds; (2) is in a position to influence or control the use of those funds; or (3) occupies a technical or professional position capable of substantially influencing the development or outcome of an activity required to perform the covered transaction.
- "Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)"— The list maintained and disseminated by the General Services Administration (GSA) containing names and other information about persons who are ineligible.
- "Debarment"— Action taken by a debarring official (Federal agency) to exclude a person (recipient) from participating in covered transactions.
- "Suspension"— An action taken that immediately prohibits a person from participating in covered transactions for a temporary period, pending completion of an agency investigation and any judicial or administrative proceedings that may ensue.
- "Ineligible" generally refers to a person who is either excluded or disqualified.
- "Person"— Any individual, corporation, partnership, association, unit of government or legal entity, however organized, except: foreign governments or foreign governmental entities, public international organizations, foreign government owned (in whole or in part) or controlled entities, and entities consisting wholly or partially of foreign governments or foreign governmental entities.
- "Proposal"—A solicited or unsolicited bid, application, request, invitation to consider or similar communication by or on behalf of a person seeking to participate or to receive a benefit, directly or indirectly, in or under a covered transaction.
- "Voluntarily Excluded"—A status of nonparticipation or limited participation in covered transactions assumed by a person pursuant to the terms of a settlement.
- By signing SAS Schedule #1 and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms "covered transaction", "debarred", "suspended", "ineligible", "lower tier covered transaction", "participant", "person", "primary covered transaction", "principal", "proposal", and "voluntarily excluded", as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

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- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List.
- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

#### Certification

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by signature on SAS Schedule #1 and by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

ED 80-0014, 9/90 (Replaces GCS-009 (REV.12/88), which is obsolete)

68 FR 66544, 66611, 66612, 66613, 66614, November 26, 2003

As amended by the Texas Education Agency (04/02)

The signing of Schedule #1--General Information by applicant indicates acceptance of all requirements described on this schedule.

#### SCHEDULE #6C.

Lobbying Certification

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Submission of this certification covers all federal programs in this application, is required by the U. S. Department of Education and Section 1352, Title 31, of the United States Code, and is a prerequisite for making or entering into a subgrant or subcontract over \$100,000 with any organization. (Read instructions for this schedule for further information.)

The applicant certifies by signature on Schedule #1 - General Information, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. (See Schedule #6D - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.)
- (3) The applicant shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact on which the U. S. Department of Education and the Texas Education Agency relied when they made or entered into this grant or contract. Any organization that fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Dept. of Education form #ED 80-0008 As amended by the Texas Education Agency 11/89 03/90

The signing of Schedule #1--General Information by applicant indicates acceptance of all requirements described on this schedule.

#### **SCHEDULE #6D -**

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

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Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities for lobbying services procured (pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352). This disclosure form is required for any federal grant/contract received in excess of \$100,000 and on any subgrant/subcontract made by the grantee/contractor. (Read the instructions for this schedule for further information.)

Do not sign and submit this disclose	ire form unless loopying	activities are	being disclosed.				
Federal Program:							
Name:							
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			For Material Change Only:				
			Year: Quarter:				
			Date of last Report:				
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity		Reporting Entited Address of P	y in No. 4 is Subawardee	, Enter Name			
Subawardee  Tier (if known):  Congressional District (if known):		Texas Education Agency 1701 N. Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701  Congressional District (if known):					
6. Federal Department/Agency:	7. Fe	7. Federal Program Name/Description:					
		CFDA Number, if applicable:					
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Av \$	9. Award Amount, if known: \$					
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(Attach Continuation Sheet(s), if necessary)							
[ITEMS 11-15 REMOVED]							
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The following special provisions apply to all programs funded under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by P. L. 107-110, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. By signing Schedule #1 of this SAS, the applicant is assuring it is in compliance with the following provisions:

- A. Each such program will be administered in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications.
- B. The control of funds provided under each such program and title to property acquired with program funds will be in a public agency or in a nonprofit private agency, institution, organization, or Indian tribe, if the law authorizing the program provides for assistance to such entities.
- **C.** The public agency, nonprofit private agency, institution, or organization, or Indian tribe will administer such funds and property to the extent required by the authorizing statutes.
- D. The applicant will adopt and use proper methods of administering each such program, including the enforcement of any obligations imposed by law on agencies, institutions, organizations, and other recipients responsible for carrying out each program and the correction of deficiencies in program operations that are identified through audits, monitoring, or evaluation.
- E. The applicant will cooperate in carrying out any evaluation of each such program conducted by or for the Texas Education Agency, the Secretary of Education or other federal officials.
- F. The applicant will use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, federal funds paid to such applicant under each such program.
- **G.** The applicant will submit such reports to the Texas Education Agency (which shall make the reports available to the Governor) and the Secretary of Education, as the Texas Education Agency and the Secretary of Education may require to enable the Texas Education Agency and the Secretary of Education to perform their duties under each such program.
- H. The applicant will maintain such records, provide such information, and afford access to the records as the Agency (after consultation with the Governor) or the Secretary may find necessary to carry out the Agency's or the Secretary's duties.
- I. Before the application was submitted, the applicant afforded a reasonable opportunity for public comment on the application and has considered such comment.
- J. Gun-Free Schools Act: The local education agency assures that it is in compliance with Section 37.007(e) of the Texas Education Code, which requires expulsion of a student who brings to school or possesses at school a firearm as defined by 18 U.S.C. Section 2891 [pursuant to the requirements in P. L. 107-110, Section 4141(d)(1)]. In addition, the local educational agency certifies that it has a policy requiring referral to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system of any student who brings a firearm or weapon to school [P. L. 107-110, Section 4141(h)(1)].
- K. Student Records Transfer: The local educational agency shall ensure that a student's records and, if applicable, a student's individualized education program as defined in section 602(11) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, are transferred to a charter school upon the transfer of the student to the charter school, and to another public school upon the transfer of the student from a charter school to another public school, in accordance with applicable state law (P. L. 107-110, section 5208).
- L. **Consolidation of Administrative Funds:** A local educational agency, with the approval of TEA, may consolidate and use for the administration of one or more programs under the No Child Left Behind Act not more than the percentage, established in each program, of the total available for the local educational agency under those programs. A local educational agency that consolidates administrative funds shall not use any other funds under the programs included in the consolidation for administration for that fiscal year. Consolidated administrative funds shall be used for the administration of the programs covered and may be used for coordination of these programs with other federal and non-federal programs and for dissemination of information regarding model programs and practices.
- M. Privacy of Assessment Results: Any results from an individual assessment referred to in the No Child Left Behind Act of a student that become part of the education records of the student shall have the protections provided in section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act [P. L. 107-110, section 9523 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1975, as amended].

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- N. School Prayer: The local educational agency certifies that it is in compliance with Section 25.901 of the Texas Education Code. In addition, as a condition of receiving funds under the No Child Left Behind Act, the local educational agency certifies that no policy of the local educational agency prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary schools and secondary schools, as detailed in the guidance provided by the U. S. Secretary of Education pertaining to such. The state educational agency shall report to the Secretary of Education each year a list of those local educational agencies that have not filed this assurance or against which complaints have been made to the State educational agency that the local educational agencies are not in compliance with this requirement (P. L. 107-110, section 9524(b).
- O. Equal Access to Public Schools Facilities Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act: No public elementary school, public secondary school or local educational agency that has a designated open forum or a limited public forum and that receives funds made available from the U.S. Department of Education shall deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet, or to discriminate against, any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or any other youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code (as a patriotic society), that wishes to conduct a meeting within that designated open forum or limited public forum, including denying such access or opportunity or discriminating for reasons based on the membership or leadership criteria or oath of allegiance to God and country of the Boy Scouts of America or of the youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code (as a patriotic society). For the purposes of this section, an elementary school or secondary school has a limited public forum whenever the school involved grants an offering to, or opportunity for, one or more outside youth or community groups to meet on school premises or in school facilities before or after the hours during which attendance at the school is compulsory. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any school, agency, or a school served by an agency to sponsor any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or any other youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code (as a patriotic society). Compliance with this provision will be enforced through rules and orders issued by the Office for Civil Rights. If the public school or agency does not comply with the rules or orders, no funds made available through the Department of Education shall be provided by a school that fails to comply with such rules or orders or to any agency or school served by an agency that fails to comply with such rules or orders (P. L. 107-110, section 9525).
- P. General Prohibitions: None of the funds authorized under the No Child Left Behind Act shall be used to develop or distribute materials, or operate programs or courses of instruction directed at youth, that are designed to promote or encourage sexual activity, whether homosexual or heterosexual; to distribute or to aid in the distribution by any organization of legally obscene materials to minors on school grounds; to provide sex education or HIV-prevention education in schools that instruction is age appropriate and includes the health benefits of abstinence; or to operate a program of contraceptive distribution in schools (P. L. 107-110, section 9526).
- Q. Armed Forces Recruiter Access to Students and Student Recruiting Information: In accordance with guidance issued by the U. S. Department of Education, each local educational agency receiving assistance under the No Child Left Behind Act shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students names, address, and telephone listings, upon prior written consent of a student or the parent of a student. A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student's name, address, and telephone listing not be released without prior written parental consent, and the local educational or private nonprofit school shall notify parents of the option to make a request and shall comply with any request. Each local educational agency receiving assistance under the No Child Left Behind Act shall provide military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as is provided generally to post secondary educational institutions or to prospective employers of those students (P. L. 107-110, section 9528).
- R. Unsafe School Choice Option: The local educational agency certifies that it shall establish and implement a policy requiring that a student attending a persistently dangerous public elementary school or secondary school, as determined by the Texas Education Agency, or who becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense, while in or on the grounds of a public elementary or secondary school that the student attends, be allowed to attend a safe public elementary or secondary school within the local educational agency, including a public charter school (P. L. 107-110, section 9532).
- S. Civil Rights: Nothing in the No Child Left Behind Act shall be construed to permit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (except as otherwise permitted under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972), national origin, or disability in any program funded under the No Child Left Behind Act (P. L. 107-110, section 9534).

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- T. Student Privacy, Parental Access to Information, and Administration of Certain Physical Examinations to Minors: The local educational agency assures that it is in compliance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Education Code concerning parental rights and responsibilities. In addition, the local educational agency receiving funds under the No Child Left Behind Act certifies that it shall develop and adopt policies, in consultation with parents, regarding certain rights of a parent to access and inspect information; student privacy; the administration of physical examinations or screenings (except for examinations or screenings required by state law); and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information. The local educational agency also assures that it is in compliance with the requirements for annually notifying parents of such policies and specific events (P. L. 107-110, Title X, Part F, section 1061).
- U. Assurances related to the education of homeless children and youths:
  - (1) The LEA assures that each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youth.
  - (2) The LEA assures that homeless children and youth are afforded the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youth.
  - (3) The LEA assures that it will review and undertake steps to revise any laws, regulations, practices, or policies that may act as a barrier to the enrollment, attendance, or success in school of homeless children and youth.
  - (4) The LEA assures that it will not separate students from the mainstream school environment on the basis of homelessness alone.
  - (5) The LEA assures that homeless children and youth have access to the education and other services that they need to in order to meet the same challenging State student academic achievement standards to which all students are held.
- V. **Definitions**: The following terms shall be defined as follows for programs authorized and carried out under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001:
  - 1. Charter School: An open enrollment charter school receiving federal funds of any type must meet the federal definition of a charter school as provided in P. L. 107-110, Section 5210(1). The term "charter school" means a school that:
    - (A) is created by a developer as a public school, or is adapted by a developer from an existing public school, and is operated under public supervision and control;
    - (B) operates in pursuit of a specific set of educational objectives determined by the school's developer and agreed to by the authorized public chartering agency [i.e., the State Board of Education (SBOE)];
    - (C) provides a program of elementary or secondary education, or both;
    - (D) is nonsectarian in its programs, admissions policies, employment practices, and all other operations, and is not affiliated with a sectarian school or religious instruction;
    - (E) does not charge tuition;
    - (F) complies with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
    - (G) is a school to which parents choose to send their children, and that admits students on the basis of a lottery, if more students apply for admission than can be accommodated;
    - (H) agrees to comply with the same Federal and State audit requirements as do other elementary schools and secondary schools in the State, unless such requirements are specifically waived for the purpose of this program;
    - (I) meets all applicable Federal, State, and local health and safety requirements;
    - (J) operates in accordance with State law; and
    - (K) has a written performance contract with the authorized public chartering agency in the State (i.e., SBOE) that includes a description of how student performance will be measured pursuant to State assessments that are required of other schools and pursuant to any other assessments mutually agreeable to the SBOE.
  - Community-Based Organization: A public or private nonprofit organization of demonstrated effectiveness that is
    representative of a community or significant segment of a community and that provides educational or related services
    to individuals in the community.
  - 3. **Core Academic Subjects**: English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, art, history, and geography.

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#### 4. Highly Qualified:

- (A) when used with respect to any public elementary school or secondary school teacher teaching in a State, means that-
  - (i) the teacher has obtained full State certification as a teacher (including certification obtained through alternative routes to certification) or passed the State teacher licensing examination, and holds a license to teach in such State, except that when used with respect to any teacher teaching in a public charter school, the term means that the teacher meets the requirements set forth in the State's public charter school law; and
  - (ii) the teacher has not had certification or licensure requirements waived on an emergency, temporary, or provisional basis;
- (B) when used with respect to-
  - (i) an elementary school teacher who is new to the profession, means that the teacher-
    - (1) holds at least a bachelor's degree; and
    - (II) has demonstrated, by passing a rigorous State test, subject knowledge and teaching skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and other areas of the basic elementary school curriculum (which may consist of passing a State-required certification or licensing test or tests in reading, writing, mathematics, and other areas of the basic elementary school curriculum); or
  - (ii) a middle or secondary school teacher who is new to the profession, means that the teacher holds at least a bachelor's degree and has demonstrated a high level of competency in each of the academic subjects in which the teacher teaches by-
    - passing a rigorous State academic subject test in each of the academic subjects in which the teacher teaches (which may consist of a passing level of performance on a State-required certification or licensing test or tests in each of the academic subjects in which the teacher teaches); or
    - (II) successful completion, in each of the academic subjects in which the teacher teaches, of an academic major, a graduate degree, coursework equivalent to an undergraduate academic major, or advanced certification or credentialing; and
- (C) when used with respect to an elementary, middle, or secondary school teacher who is not new to the profession, means that the teacher holds at least a bachelor's degree and—
  - (i) has met the applicable standard in clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (B), which includes an option for a test; or
  - (ii) demonstrates competence in all the academic subjects in which the teacher teaches based on a high objective uniform State standard of evaluation that—
    - is set by the State for both grade appropriate academic subject matter knowledge and teaching skills;
    - (II) is aligned with challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards and developed in consultation with core content specialists, teachers, principals, and school administrators;
    - (III) provides objective, coherent information about the teacher's attainment of core content knowledge in the academic subjects in which a teacher teaches;
    - (IV) is applied uniformly to all teachers in the same academic subject and the same grade level throughout the State;
    - takes into consideration, but not be based primarily on, the time the teacher has been teaching in the academic subject;
    - (VI) is made available to the public upon request; and
    - (VII) may involve multiple, objective measures of teacher competency.
- 5. **Parental Involvement**: The participation of parents in regular, two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:
  - (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
  - (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
  - (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child; and
  - (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of P. L. 107-110.

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#### Professional Development includes activities that:

- (A) improve and increase teachers' knowledge of the academic subjects the teachers teach, and enable teachers to become highly qualified;
- (B) are an integral part of broad schoolwide and districtwide educational improvement plans;
- (C) give teachers, principals, and administrators the knowledge and skills to provide the students with the opportunity to meet challenging State academic content standards and student academic achievement standards;
- (D) improve classroom management skills;
- (E) are high quality, sustained, intensive, and classroom-focused in order to have a positive and lasting impact on classroom instruction and the teacher's performance in the classroom and are not one-day or short-term workshops or conferences;
- (F) support the recruiting, hiring, and training of highly qualified teachers, including teachers who became highly qualified through State and local alternative routes to certification;
- (G) advance teacher understanding of effective instructional strategies that are:
- (H) based on scientifically based research (except for programs under Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology of this Act); and
- strategies for improving student academic achievement or substantially increasing the knowledge and teaching skills of teachers; and
- (J) are aligned with and directly related to State academic content standards, student academic achievement standards, and assessments and the curricula and programs tied to the standards;
- (K) are developed with extensive participation of teachers, principals, parents, and administrators of schools to be served under this Act;
- (L) are designed to give teachers of limited English proficient children, and other teachers and instructional staff, the knowledge and skills to provide instruction and appropriate language and academic support services to those children, including the appropriate use of curricula an assessments;
- (M) to the extent appropriate, provide training for teachers and principals in the use of technology so that technology and technology applications are effectively used in the classroom to improve teaching and learning in the curricula and core academic subjects in which the teachers teach;
- (N) as a whole, are regularly evaluated for their impact on increased teacher effectiveness and improved student
  academic achievement with the findings of the evaluations used to improve the quality of professional development;
- (O) provide instruction in methods of teaching children with special needs;
- (P) include instruction in the use of data and assessments to inform and instruct classroom practice;
- (Q) include instruction in ways that teachers, principals, pupil services personnel, and school administrators may work more effectively with parents; and
- (R) may include activities that:
  - (i) involve the forming of partnerships with institutions of higher education to establish school-based teacher training programs that provide prospective teachers and beginning teachers with an opportunity to work under the guidance of experienced teachers and college faculty;
  - (ii) create programs to enable paraprofessionals (assisting teachers employed by an LEA receiving assistance under Title I Part A) to obtain the education necessary for those paraprofessionals to become certified and licensed teachers; and
  - (iii) provide follow-up training to teachers who have participated in activities described previously in this definition that are designed to ensure that the knowledge and skills learned by the teachers are implemented in the classroom.

# 7. Scientifically Based Research:

- (A) means research that involves the application of rigorous, systematic, and objective procedures to obtain reliable and valid knowledge relevant to education activities and programs; and
- (B) includes research that:
  - (i) employs systematic, empirical methods that draw on observation or experiment;
  - (ii) involves rigorous data analyses that are adequate to test the stated hypotheses and justify the general conclusions drawn;
  - (iii) relies on measurements or observational methods that provide reliable and valid data across evaluators and observers, across multiple measurements and observations, and across studies by the same or different investigators;

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- (iv) relies on measurements or observational methods that provide reliable and valid data across evaluators and observers, across multiple measurements and observations, and across studies by the same or different investigators;
- (v) is evaluated using experimental or quasi-experimental designs in which individuals, entities, programs, or
  activities are assigned to different conditions and with appropriate controls to evaluate the effects of the
  condition of interest, with a preference for random-assignment experiments, or other designs to the extent that
  those designs contain within-condition or across-condition controls;
- (vi) ensures that experimental studies are presented in sufficient detail and clarity to allow for replication or, at a minimum, offer the opportunity to build systematically on their findings; and
- (vii)has been accepted by a peer-reviewed journal or approved by a panel of independent experts through a comparably rigorous, objective, and scientific review.
- Teacher Mentoring: Activities that-
  - (A) consist of structured guidance and regular and ongoing support for teachers, especially beginning teachers, that-
    - (i) are designed to help the teachers continue to improve their practice of teaching and to develop their instructional skills; and part of an ongoing developmental induction process that—
      - involves the assistance of an exemplary teacher and other appropriate individuals from a school, local educational agency, or institution of higher education; and
      - (II) may include coaching, classroom observation, team teaching, and reduced teaching loads; and
      - (III) may include the establishment of a partnership by a local educational agency with an institution of higher education.
- 9. Technology: State-of-the-art technology products and services.
- W. ESEA Performance Goals, Indicators, and Performance Reporting: The LEA assures it has adopted the five performance goals and the related performance indicators established by the U. S. Department of Education and as submitted in the Texas Consolidated State Application for Funds Under the No Child Left Behind Act. The LEA also assures that it will develop and implement procedures for collecting data related to the performance indicators where such data is not already collected through the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) or PEIMS and that it will report such data to the Agency in the time and manner requested.
- X. Transfer of School Disciplinary Records: The LEA assures it has a procedure in place to transfer disciplinary records, with respect to a suspension or expulsion, to any private or public elementary school or secondary school for any student who is enrolled or seeks, intends, or is instructed to enroll, on a full- or part-time basis, in the school. This requirement shall not apply to any disciplinary records with respect to a suspension or expulsion that are transferred from a private, parochial or other nonpublic school, person, institution, or other entity, that provides education below the college level (P. L. 107-110, section 4155).

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The signing of Schedule #1 - General Information by applicant indicates acceptance of and compliance with all requirements described on this schedule.

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#### **Federal Statutory Requirements**

- 1) The LEA must demonstrate that the LEA has analyzed the needs of each school and selected an intervention for each school.
- 2) The LEA must demonstrate that it has the capacity to use these grant funds to provide adequate resources and related support to each Tier campus identified in the LEA's application in order to implement, fully and effectively, the required activities of the school intervention model it has selected.
- 3) If the LEA is not applying to serve each Tier I school (through a separate application for each campus), the LEA must explain why it lacks capacity to serve each Tier I school.
- 4) The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to design and implement interventions consistent with the final federal requirements, including the services the campus will receive or the activities the campus will implement.
- 5) The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to recruit, screen, and select external providers, if applicable, to ensure their quality.
- 6) The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to align other resources with the interventions.
- 7) The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to modify its practices or policies, if necessary, to enable its schools to implement the interventions fully and effectively.
- 8) The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to sustain the reforms after the funding period ends.
- The LEA must include a timeline delineating the steps it will take to implement the selected intervention in each campus.
- 10) The LEA must describe the annual goals for student achievement on the State's assessments in both reading/language arts and mathematics that it has established in order to monitor its Tier I and Tier II schools that receive school improvement funds.
- 11) As appropriate, the LEA must consult with relevant stakeholders regarding the LEA's application and implementation of school improvement models on its campus.
- 12) Applicant provides assurance that financial assistance provided under the grant program will supplement, and not supplant, the amount of state and local funds allocated to the campus.
- 13) Applicant provides assurance that it will use its School Improvement Grant to implement fully and effectively an intervention in each Tier I and Tier II school that the LEA commits to serve consistent with the final federal requirements.
- 14) Applicant provides assurance that it will establish annual goals for student achievement on the State's assessments in both reading/language arts and mathematics and measure progress on the leading indicators in section III of the final federal requirements in order to monitor each Tier I and Tier II school that it serves with school improvement funds, and establish goals (approved by the TEA) to hold accountable its Tier III schools that receive grant funds.
- Applicant provides assurance that it will, if it implements a restart model in a Tier I or Tier II school, include in its contract or agreement terms and provisions to hold the charter operator, charter management organization (CMO), or education management organization (EMO) accountable for complying with the final federal requirements.
- 16) Applicant provides assurance that it will report to the TEA the school-level data required under section III of the final federal requirements.
- 17) If the LEA/campus selects to implement the <u>turnaround model</u>, the campus **must** implement the following federal requirements.
  - Replace the principal and grant the principal sufficient operational flexibility (including in staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach in order to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates;
  - Using locally adopted competencies to measure the effectiveness of staff who can work within the turnaround environment to meet the needs of students;
    - 1. Screen all existing staff and rehire no more than 50 percent; and
    - 2. Select new staff.
  - Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in the turnaround school;
  - d. Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure that they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies:
  - e. Adopt a new governance structure, which may include, but is not limited to, requiring the school to report to a

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new "turnaround office" in the LEA or SEA, hire a "turnaround leader" who reports directly to the Superintendent or Chief Academic Officer, or enter into a multi-year contract with the LEA or SEA to obtain added flexibility in exchange for greater accountability;

- f. Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards;
- g. Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students;
- Establish schedules and implement strategies that provide increased learning time (as defined in this notice); and
- i. Provide appropriate social-emotional and community-oriented services and supports for students.
- 18) If the LEA/campus selects to implement the <u>turnaround model</u>, the campus may implement the following federal requirements.
  - 1. Any of the required and permissible activities under the transformation model; or
  - 2. A new school model (e.g., themed, dual language academy).
- 19) If the LEA/campus selects to implement the school <u>closure model</u>, the campus <u>must</u> implement the following requirement.
  - a. Enroll the students who attended that school in other schools in the LEA that are higher achieving within reasonable proximity to the closed school and may include, but are not limited to, charter schools or new schools for which achievement data are not yet available.
  - A grant for school closure is a one-year grant without the possibility of continued funding.
- 20) If the LEA/campus selects to implement the <u>restart model</u>, the campus **must** implement the following federal requirements.
  - a. Convert or close and reopen the school under a charter school operator, a charter management organization (CMO), or an education management organization (EMO) that has been selected through a rigorous review process. A CMO is a non-profit organization that operates or manages charter schools by centralizing or sharing certain functions and resources among schools. An EMO is a for-profit or non-profit organization that provides "whole-school operation" services to an LEA.
  - Enroll, within the grades it serves, any former student who wishes to attend the school.
- 21) If the LEA/campus selects to implement the <u>transformation model</u>, the campus must implement the following federal requirements.
  - Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness.
    - A) Replace the principal who led the school prior to commencement of the transformation model;
    - (B) Use rigorous, transparent, and equitable evaluation systems for teachers and principals that--
      - Take into account data on student growth as a significant factor as well as other factors such as multiple observation-based assessments of performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high school graduation rates; and
      - (2) Are designed and developed with teacher and principal involvement;
    - (C) Identify and reward school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in implementing this model, have increased student achievement and high school graduation rates and identify and remove those who, after ample opportunities have been provided for them to improve their professional practice, have not done so;
    - (D) Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development (e.g., regarding subject-specific pedagogy, instruction that reflects a deeper understanding of the community served by the school, or differentiated instruction) that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies; and
    - (E) Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school.
  - Comprehensive instructional reform strategies.
    - (A) Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards; and
    - (B) Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of

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individual students.

- 3. Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools.
  - (A) Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time; and
  - (B) Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement.
- 4. Providing operational flexibility and sustained support.
  - (A) Give the school sufficient operational flexibility (such as staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates; and
  - (B) Ensure that the school receives ongoing, intensive technical assistance and related support from the LEA, the SEA, or a designated external lead partner organization (such as a school turnaround organization or an EMO).
- 22) An LEA may also implement other strategies to develop teachers' and school leaders' effectiveness, such as-
  - (A) Provide additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school;
  - (B) Institute a system for measuring changes in instructional practices resulting from professional development; or
  - (C) Ensure that the school is not required to accept a teacher without the mutual consent of the teacher and principal, regardless of the teacher's seniority.
- 23) An LEA may also implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies, such as-
  - Conduct periodic reviews to ensure that the curriculum is being implemented with fidelity, is having the intended impact on student achievement, and is modified if ineffective;
  - (B) Implement a schoolwide "response-to-intervention" model;
  - (C) Provide additional supports and professional development to teachers and principals in order to implement effective strategies to support students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment and to ensure that limited English proficient students acquire language skills to master academic content:
  - (D) Use and integrate technology-based supports and interventions as part of the instructional program; and
  - (E) In secondary schools--
    - (1) Increase rigor by offering opportunities for students to enroll in advanced coursework (such as Advanced Placement; International Baccalaureate; or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses, especially those that incorporate rigorous and relevant project-, inquiry-, or design-based contextual learning opportunities), earlycollege high schools, dual enrollment programs, or thematic learning academies that prepare students for college and careers, including by providing appropriate supports designed to ensure that low-achieving students can take advantage of these programs and coursework;
    - (2) Improve student transition from middle to high school through summer transition programs or freshman academies;
    - (3) Increase graduation rates through, for example, credit-recovery programs, reengagement strategies, smaller learning communities, competency-based instruction and performance-based assessments, and acceleration of basic reading and mathematics skills; or
    - (4) Establish early-warning systems to identify students who may be at risk of failing to achieve to high standards or graduate.
- 24) An LEA **may** also implement other strategies that extend learning time and create community-oriented schools, such as--

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- (A) Partner with parents and parent organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, health clinics, other State or local agencies, and others to create safe school environments that meet students' social, emotional, and health needs;
- (B) Extend or restructure the school day so as to add time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff;
- (C) Implement approaches to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports or taking steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment; or
- D) Expand the school program to offer full-day kindergarten or pre-kindergarten.
- 25) The LEA may also implement other strategies for providing operational flexibility and intensive support, such as-
  - (A) Allow the school to be run under a new governance arrangement, such as a turnaround division within the LEA or SEA; or
  - (B) Implement a per-pupil school-based budget formula that is weighted based on student needs.

#### Statutory Program Assurances

- 1) Applicant provides assurance that financial assistance provided under the grant program will supplement, and not supplant, the amount of state and local funds allocated to the campus.
- Applicant provides assurance that it will use its School Improvement Grant to implement fully and effectively an
  intervention in each Tier I and Tier II school that the LEA commits to serve consistent with the final federal
  requirements.
- 3) Applicant provides assurance that it will establish annual goals for student achievement on the State's assessments in both reading/language arts and mathematics and measure progress on the leading indicators in section III of the final federal requirements in order to monitor each Tier I and Tier II school that it serves with school improvement funds, and establish goals (approved by the TEA) to hold accountable its Tier III schools that receive school improvement funds.
- 4) Applicant provides assurance that it will, if it implements a restart model in a Tier I or Tier II school, include in its contract or agreement terms and provisions to hold the charter operator, charter management organization, or education management organization accountable for complying with the final federal requirements.
- 5) Applicant provides assurance that it will report to the TEA the school-level data required under section III of the final federal requirements.
- 6) Applicant provides assurance that it will participate in any evaluation of the grant conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, including its contractors, or the Texas Education Agency, including its contractors.

#### **TEA Program Assurances**

- Before full implementation funds are made available, the grantee must demonstrate that all early implementation activities have been completed. Successful completion of the early implementation will be measured in the <u>Quarterly Implementation Reports</u>, the <u>Model Selection and Description Report</u>, and through participation in TEA technical assistance. Copies of the above named reports can be found on the TTIPS website at the following link: <a href="http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=7354&menu\_id=798">http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=7354&menu\_id=798</a>
  - a. The Model Selection and Description Report must be submitted to TEA no later than <u>February 1, 2011</u>. This report may be submitted at any time prior to the deadline. Grantees must demonstrate successful completion of the following activities:
    - i. Comprehensive Needs Assessment process.
    - ii. Establish the grant budget by the required categories.
    - iii. Identification and Selection of the intervention model.
    - iv. Development of activities to implement selected intervention model.
    - v. Development of Timeline of Grant Activities.
- 2) The applicant provides assurance that the LEA will designate an individual or office with primary responsibilities for supporting the LEA/campus' school improvement efforts. This individual/office will have primary responsibility and authority for ensuring the effective implementation of the grant option approved by TEA; serve as the district liaison to TEA and those providing technical assistance and/or contracted service to the LEA/campus as part of the approved grant.
- The applicant provides assurance that a team from the grantee LEA/campus will attend and participate in grant orientation meetings, technical assistance meetings, other periodic meetings of grantees, the Texas School Improvement Conference, and sharing of best practices.

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- 4) For LEAs selecting the TEA Designed Model, the applicant must participate in and make use of technical assistance and coaching support provided by TEA, SIRC, and/or its subcontractors.
- 5) The applicant will establish or provide evidence of a system of formative assessment aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills which provides robust, targeted data to evaluate the effectiveness of the LEA's curriculum and its alignment with instruction occurring on the campus; assesses progress on student groups' academic achievement at the campus level; and guide instructional decisions by teachers for individual students.
- 6) The applicant will participate in a formative assessment of the LEA's capacity and commitment to carry out the grant intervention models.
- 7) The applicant will provide access for onsite visits to the LEA and campus by TEA, SIRC and its contractors.
- 8) The applicant, if selecting the Restart Model, agrees to contract only with CMO or EMO providers on the State's approved list of CMO and EMO providers.
- 9) The applicant, if selecting the Turnaround Model or Transformation Model (Tiers I and Tiers II only) agrees to the participation of the campus principal or principal candidates in a formative assessment of their turnaround leadership capacity.
- 10) If the LEA/Tier III campus selects to implement the <u>transformation model</u>, the campus assures that it will it implement the following federal requirements.
  - 1. Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness.
    - A. Evaluate the effectiveness of the current principal and use the results of the evaluation to determine whether the principal should be replaced, be retained on the campus, or be provided leadership coaching or training.
    - B.Identify and reward school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in implementing this model, have increased student achievement and high school graduation rates and identify and remove those who, after ample opportunities have been provided for them to improve their professional practice, have not done so;
    - C.Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development (e.g., regarding subject-specific pedagogy, instruction that reflects a deeper understanding of the community served by the school, or differentiated instruction) that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies; and
    - D.Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school based on rigorous, transparent, and equitable evaluation systems for teachers and principals:
      - 1. Takes into account data on student growth as a a factor as well as other factors such as multiple observation-based assessments of student performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high school graduation rates; and
      - 2. Are designed and developed and with teacher and principal involvement
  - 2. Comprehensive instructional reform strategies.
    - Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards; and
    - B. Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students.
  - 3. Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools.
    - A. Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time; and
    - B. Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement.
  - 4. Providing operational flexibility and sustained support.
    - A. Give the school sufficient operational flexibility (such as staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates; and
    - B. Ensure that the school receives ongoing, intensive technical assistance and related support from the LEA, the SEA, or a designated external lead partner organization (such as a school turnaround organization or an EMO).
  - 11) An LEA may also implement other strategies to develop teachers' and school leaders' effectiveness, such as-
    - A. Provide additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school;
    - B. Institute a system for measuring changes in instructional practices resulting from professional development; or
    - C. Ensure that the school is not required to accept a teacher without the mutual consent of the teacher and principal, regardless of the teacher's seniority.

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- 12) An LEA may also implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies, such as-
  - A. Conduct periodic reviews to ensure that the curriculum is being implemented with fidelity, is having the intended impact on student achievement, and is modified if ineffective;
  - B. Implement a school wide "response-to-intervention" model;
  - C. Provide additional supports and professional development to teachers and principals in order to implement effective strategies to support students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment and to ensure that limited English proficient students acquire language skills to master academic content;
  - D. Use and integrate technology-based supports and interventions as part of the instructional program; and
  - E. In secondary schools--
    - Increase rigor by offering opportunities for students to enroll in advanced coursework (such as advanced Placement; International Baccalaureate; or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses, especially those that incorporate rigorous and relevant project-, inquiry-, or design-based contextual learning opportunities), early-college high schools, dual enrollment programs, or thematic learning academies that prepare students for college and careers, including by providing appropriate supports designed to ensure that low-achieving students can take advantage of these programs and coursework;
    - Improve student transition from middle to high school through summer transition programs or freshman academies;
    - Increase graduation rates through, for example, credit-recovery programs, re-engagement strategies, smaller learning communities, competency-based instruction and performance-based assessments, and acceleration of basic reading and mathematics skills; or
    - 4) Establish early-warning systems to identify students who may be at risk of failing to achieve to high standards or graduate.
- 13) An LEA may also implement other strategies that extend learning time and create community-oriented schools, such as--
  - A. Partner with parents and parent organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, health clinics, other State or local agencies, and others to create safe school environments that meet students' social, emotional, and health needs;
  - B. Extend or restructure the school day so as to add time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff;
  - C. Implement approaches to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports or taking steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment; or
  - D. Expand the school program to offer full-day kindergarten or pre-kindergarten.
- 14) The LEA may also implement other strategies for providing operational flexibility and intensive support, such as—
  - A. Allow the school to be run under a new governance arrangement, such as a turnaround division within the LEA or SEA; or
  - B. Implement a per-pupil school-based budget formula that is weighted based on student needs.
- 15) The LEA/campus assures TEA that data to meet the following federal requirements will be available and reported as requested.
  - a. Number of minutes within the school year.
  - b. Average scale scores on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by grade, for the "all students" group, for each achievement quartile, and for each subgroup.
  - Number and percentage of students completing advanced coursework (e.g., AP/IB), early-college high schools, or dual enrollment classes. (High Schools Only)
  - d. College enrollment rates. (High Schools Only)
  - e. Teacher Attendance Rate
  - f. Student Completion Rate
  - g. Student Drop-Out Rate
  - h. Locally developed competencies created to identify teacher strengths/weaknesses
  - Types of support offered to teachers
  - j. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for teachers
  - k. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for administrators
  - Strategies to increase parent/community involvement
  - m. Strategies which increase student learning time

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By submitting the application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds (P.L. 111-5), the applicant agrees to comply with the following provisions and assurances for all programs authorized in Division A of the ARRA, Title I School Improvement Grant (SIG). The applicant understands that failure to comply with one or more of these provisions and assurances may result in the Texas Education Agency (TEA) taking one or more enforcement actions authorized in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §§ 74.62 and 80.43.

In addition to the standard terms of award, all funding provided under the Recovery Act will be subject to the provisions, assurances and conditions for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA or Recovery Act).

#### Terms defined:

RECIPIENT – The term "recipient" means a State and includes the Texas Education Agency (TEA). It also includes any entity that applies for and receives a grant directly from the federal government.

RECOVERY FUNDS —The term "recovery funds" means any funds that are made available from appropriations made under the Recovery Act.

RECOVERY ACT - the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (P.L. 111-5)

STIMULUS FUNDS – The term "stimulus funds" means any funds that are made available from appropriations under the Recovery Act; the term may be used interchangeably with "recovery funds."

GRANTEE - the subrecipient of TEA and applicant of funds.

**A. One-Time Funding**: Unless otherwise specified, ARRA funding is considered one-time funding that is expected to be temporary. Grantees should expend funds in ways that do not result in unsustainable continuing commitments after the funding expires. Grantees must move rapidly, while using prudent grant management practices, to develop plans for using funds, consistent with the ARRA's reporting and accountability requirements, and promptly begin spending funds to help drive the nation's economic recovery. All ARRA funds must be separately accounted for and tracked in their obligation, expenditure, and reporting.

**B. Period of Availability and Encumbrances/Obligations:** Unless otherwise specified in the Notice of Grant Award (NOGA), all funds are effective from the beginning date specified on the Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) through June 30, 2013. Carryover of funds will not be available beyond that date. Unobligated/unexpended funds will be returned to the Department of Treasury. The paragraph in the General Provisions pertaining to Encumbrances and Obligations applies as follows:

All encumbrances shall occur on or between the beginning and ending dates of the contract. All goods must be received and services rendered and subsequently liquidated (recorded as an expenditure or accounts payable) within the contract dates. In no manner shall encumbrances be considered or reflected as accounts payable or as expenditures. Obligations that are liquidated and recognized as expenditures must meet the allowable cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, A-21, or A-122 (as applicable) and program rules, regulations, and guidelines contained elsewhere. When an obligation is made is defined in 34 CFR 76.707.

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- C. Compliance with Other Provisions and Assurances: All provisions and assurances stated in the General Provisions, Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension, Lobbying Certification and Disclosure of Lobbying, No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Special Provisions and Assurances, and all other program-specific provisions and assurances apply unless they conflict or are superseded by the following terms and conditions implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) requirements below. This includes compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and all other nondiscrimination provisions. It also includes Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (prohibiting race, color, national origin, religion, and sex discrimination in employment; the Americans with Disabilities Act (prohibiting disability discrimination in employment and in services provided by entities receiving federal funds); as well as any other applicable civil rights laws. By submitting this application, the applicant agrees to comply with all such provisions and assurances.
- **D. Compliance with Other Program Statutes:** The applicant agrees to comply with the authorizing program statutes, regulations, non-regulatory guidelines, and other guidance in the implementation of the programs receiving funding under ARRA. This includes compliance with comparability; supplement, not supplant; maintenance of effort (MOE); equitable participation for private nonprofit school students and teachers; and all other program-specific provisions and requirements. All such are hereby incorporated by reference.
- **E. DUNS Number:** All entities receiving any federal funds, including ARRA funds, are required to have a DUNS (Dunn & Bradstreet) number. The DUNS number serves as the grantee organization's unique identifier for reporting federal funds received and expended. TEA must use this same DUNS number to report grant awards and expenditures for subrecipients under ARRA to the website specifically provided for in ARRA <a href="http://www.FederalReporting.gov/">http://www.FederalReporting.gov/</a>. The assignment of a DUNS number is a condition of award of ARRA funds and must be validated by TEA prior to issuing a NOGA for ARRA funds. (Section 1512[c][4] of ARRA and the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act [FFATA], P.L. 109-282. OMB adopted the DUNS number as the "unique identifier" required for reporting under FFATA).
- **F. Central Contractor Registration (CCR):** All grantees receiving ARRA funds, as well as any other federal funds, are required to register and maintain current registration with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database at <a href="http://www.ccr.gov">http://www.ccr.gov</a>. Registration in CCR is a condition of award of ARRA funds and must be validated by TEA prior to issuing a NOGA for ARRA funds.
- **G. ARRA Reporting Requirements:** The federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued guidance related to reporting the use of ARRA funds to the various websites. The definition of terms and data elements, as well as any specific instructions for reporting, including required formats, are provided in separate guidance issued by the TEA.

The Texas Education Agency as a direct recipient of funds is required to report certain information at certain intervals throughout the grant period as required in Section 1512 of ARRA. In order to meet the reporting requirements, grantees will be required to provide certain information to TEA. By submitting this application, the grantee agrees to provide information in the form, time, and manner requested so that TEA can meet its reporting requirements and deadlines.

 Separate Tracking and Monitoring of ARRA Funds: ARRA funds must be separately tracked and monitored independently of any non-Recovery Act funding. Grantees must submit certain information to TEA in order for TEA to comply with quarterly reporting requirements established in Section 1512 of the Recovery Act. Recovery Act-related reporting requirements are incorporated as a special condition of this award.

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- 3. Quarterly Reporting for ARRA: Not later than 10 calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter, TEA and any other direct recipient of ARRA funds must report to the U.S. Department of Education with regard to recovery funds received in accordance with number 4 below (Section 1512[c]). (A "direct recipient" is a state agency or any entity that applies for and receives funds directly from a federal government agency.) TEA must obtain certain information from grantees in order to comply with this reporting requirement. By submitting this application, the grantee agrees to submit information to TEA in the time, form, and manner requested.
- 4. Data Elements for Quarterly Reporting for ARRA: In accordance with Section 1512(c) of ARRA and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-282), TEA is required to provide quarterly reports to the U.S. Department of Education or through a central government-wide portal (<a href="http://www.FederalReporting.gov">http://www.FederalReporting.gov</a>). The information adopted by OMB contains the following data elements: submitting this application, the grantee agrees to submit the information to TEA in the time, form, and manner requested. The information may change pending final adoption by OMB.

# For each grant that equals or exceeds \$25,000 in total grant award amount:

- a. The grantee organization's DUNS number (TEA will need to collect this information from grantees)
- b. The grant award number (i.e., NOGA ID number) assigned by TEA (TEA will have this information on file)
- c. The legal name of the grantee organization (as registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), if registered) (TEA will have this information on file provided it is the same legal name on file with TEA)
- d. The physical location (street address) (as listed in the CCR, if registered) (TEA will have this information on file provided it is the same street address on file with TEA)
- e. The (federal) Congressional district number
- f. The grantee organization type (i.e., independent school district, nonprofit organization, etc) (TEA will have this information on file)
- g. The total amount of the grant award (TEA will have this information on file)
- h. The total amount paid to the grantee as of date of report (TEA will have this information on file)
- i. The physical location (street address) of the primary place of performance of the grant (TEA will have this information on file provided it is the same address on file with TEA.)
- j. An evaluation (i.e., status report) of the completion status of the project or activity (for example, Not Started; Less than 50% Completed; Completed 50% or More; Fully Completed) (It is not clear at this time whether this information will need to be collected from the grantees. TEA will notify the grantee in the event status information needs to be collected.)
- k. An estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the project or activity and a brief description of the types of those jobs (i.e., job titles) (TEA will need to collect this information from grantees.)
- I. The names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the grantee organization if the organization in its preceding year received 80% or more of its annual gross revenues in Federal awards and \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal awards and the public does not have access to information about the compensation of senior executives. (It is not known at this time whether this data element will be required once the data elements are finalized by OMB. If it is required in the final data elements, TEA will need to collect this information from the grantees.)

For grants that equal less than \$25,000 in total grant award amount or for grantees that in the previous tax year had gross income under \$300,000, amounts will be reported in the aggregate according to the following:

- a. The total number of grants awarded less than \$25,000 (TEA will have this information file)
- b. The total award (aggregate) amount for all grants less than \$25,000 (TEA will have this information on file)
- c. The total (aggregate) amount paid to grantees for all grants less than \$25,000 as of date of report (TEA will have this information on file)

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5. **Posting the Information on Public Website**: Not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each federal agency, including the U.S. Department of Education, shall make the information in those reports publicly available by posting the information on the designated public website (Section 1512[d]). Grantees will not be required to post information on the public website unless they apply for and receive other ARRA grants directly from a federal government agency.

Once OMB adopts the final data reporting elements and TEA receives specific instructions for reporting, TEA will provide subsequent guidance to grantees related to required reporting information.

- H. Electronic Drawdown of ARRA Funds from TEA and Use of FAR Fund Codes: Recipients will draw down ARRA funds on an award-specific basis. Pooling of ARRA award funds with other funds for drawdown or other purposes is not permitted. Recipients must account for each ARRA award separately by referencing the assigned FAR (Financial Accounting and Resource) fund code for each award.
- **I. Availability of Records:** The applicant agrees to make all financial and programmatic records available in detail for inspection by TEA auditors, local independent auditors, and the offices described below.
- 1. **Examination of Records:** The Comptroller General of the United States and any of its employees, contractors, agents, representatives, or designees, may examine any records related to obligations and use by any state or local government of funds made available under ARRA. (Section 901[b]).
- 2. Access of Government Accountability Office (GAO): Each contract and each subcontract awarded using funds made available under ARRA shall provide that the Comptroller General of the United States and his representatives are authorized to examine any records of the contractor or any of its subcontractors, or any State or local agency administering such contract, that directly pertain to, and involve transactions relating to, the contract or subcontract and to interview any officer or employee of the contractor or any of its subcontractors, or of any State or local government agency administering the contract, regarding such transactions (Section 902).
- 3. **Reviews by Inspector General:** The inspector general of the U.S. Department of Education shall review, as appropriate, any concerns raised by the public about specific investments using funds made available in this Act. Any findings of such reviews shall be relayed immediately to the Secretary of Education. In addition, the findings of such reviews, along with any audits conducted by any inspector general of ARRA funds, shall be posted on the inspector general's website and linked to the recovery.gov website, except that portions of reports may be redacted to the extent the portions would disclose information that is protected from public disclosure under sections 552 and 552a of Title 5, United States Code (Section 1514).
- 4. Access of Offices of Inspector General to Certain Records and Employees: With respect to each contract or grant awarded using ARRA funds, any representative of an Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education or other appropriate federal agency is authorized to examine any records of the contractor or grantee, any of its subcontractors or subgrantees, or any State or local agency administering such contract, that pertain to, and involve transactions relating to, the contract, subcontract, grant, or subgrant, and to interview any officer or employee of the contractor, grantee, subgrantee, or agency regarding such transactions (Section 1515).
- 5. **Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board:** Section 1521 of the ARRA establishes the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board to coordinate and conduct oversight of ARRA funds to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. The Board shall submit "flash reports" on potential management and funding problems that require immediate attention; quarterly reports; and annual reports to the President and Congress, including the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives, summarizing the findings on the use of ARRA funds. The Board may conduct its own independent audits and reviews of ARRA funds. All reports shall be made publicly available on the <a href="www.recovery.gov">www.recovery.gov</a> website established by the Board. See paragraphs J and K below with regard to reports of suspected fraud or abuse (Sections 1523 and 1524).

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- 6. **Recovery Independent Advisory Panel**: Section 1541 of the ARRA establishes the Recovery Independent Advisory Panel to make recommendations to the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board on action the Board could take to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse relating to ARRA funds.
- **J. Disclosure of Fraud or Misconduct:** Each grantee awarded funds made available under the ARRA shall promptly refer to the USDE Office of Inspector General any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subrecipient, subcontractor, or other person has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act or has committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving those funds.
- K. Protection for Whistleblowers: Section 1553 of the ARRA provides protection for State and local government and contractor whistleblowers. Any employee of any employer receiving ARRA funds may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing, including a disclosure made in the ordinary course of an employee's duties, to the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, an inspector general, the U. S. Comptroller General, a member of Congress, a State or federal regulatory or law enforcement agency, a person with supervisory authority over the employee (or such other person working for the employer who has the authority to investigate, discover, or terminate misconduct), a court or grand jury, the head of a federal agency, or their representatives, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of (1) gross mismanagement of an agency contract or grant relating to ARRA funds; (2) a gross waste of ARRA funds; (3) a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety related to the implementation or use of ARRA funds; (4) an abuse of authority related to the implementation or use of ARRA funds; or (5) a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to an agency contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract), or grant, awarded or issued relating to ARRA funds. A person who believes that he or she has been subjected to a reprisal may submit a complaint regarding the reprisal to the inspector general for the appropriate federal agency (in most cases, the U.S. Department of Education).
- **L. Use of Funds:** The grantee agrees to comply with the applicable federal cost principles in the obligation and expenditure of ARRA funds as identified in the General Provisions and Assurances as well as other limitations or restrictions and expenditures identified therein. The grantee also agrees to the following:
- Consolidation of ARRA Administrative Funds: Due to the significant reporting requirements under ARRA, it is
  not known at this time whether grantees may consolidate ARRA administrative funds with other NCLB
  consolidated administrative funds. TEA will issue further guidance with regard to this provision once guidance is
  provided by the U.S. Department of Education. If ARRA funds are permitted to be consolidated with other NCLB
  consolidated administrative funds, grantees must still be able to report the types and number of jobs that were
  created or saved with ARRA funds.
- 2. **Combining ARRA funds on a Schoolwide Program.** ARRA funds are permitted to be used on a Title I Part A schoolwide Campus/Program, funds may be combined with other funding sources, but grantees still must be able to identify precisely the items of obligation and expenditure for ARRA reporting. You must also be able to report the types and number of jobs that were created or saved with ARRA funds.
- 3. Special Contracting Provisions: To the maximum extent possible, contracts funded under the ARRA shall be awarded as fixed-price contracts through the use of competitive procedures. A summary of any new contract awarded with ARRA funds that is not fixed-price and not awarded using competitive procedures shall be posted in a special section of the <a href="https://www.recovery.gov">www.recovery.gov</a> website established by the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board (Section 1554).

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- 4. **Use of Funds for Certain Expenditures Prohibited:** ARRA funds shall not be used for any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool (Section 1604).
- 5. **Use of Funds for Construction Prohibited:** Unless specifically authorized in the applicable program statute, regulations, guidelines, Request for Application (RFA), TEA Standard Application System (SAS), the approved grant application, or other written authorization, none of the ARRA additional formula funds shall be used for construction, remodeling, or renovation.
- 6. **Buy American Use of American Iron, Steel, and Manufactured Goods:** If construction is allowed and approved pursuant to the previous paragraph pertaining to "Use of Funds for Construction Prohibited", none of the funds may be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States unless waived by the Secretary of Education (Section 1605).
- 7. Wage Rate Requirements for Contracted Laborers and Mechanics Compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act: Subject to further clarification issued by the Office of Management and Budget, and notwithstanding any other provision of law and in a manner consistent with other provisions of ARRA, all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to this award shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code. With respect to the labor standards specified in this section, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 3145 of title 40, United States Code (Section 1606).
- M. Compliance with OMB Circular A-133 Audits and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards: Grantees agree to separately identify the expenditures for each grant award funded under ARRA as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations" and to comply with all other provisions of the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133.

The signing of Schedule #1 - General Information by applicant indicates acceptance of and compliance with all requirements described on this schedule