October 28, 2016

TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLS DISTRICT SURVEY, 2016-17

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is required to maintain and publish a list of campuses operating on a year-round system under Texas Education Code § 25.084 (84th Texas Legislature, General Appropriations Act (GAA), Article III, Rider 69). To meet this mandate, TEA must determine which campuses operate on a year-round calendar system in the 2016-17 school year. The purpose of this letter is to ask for your participation in a brief survey as part of this requirement.

About the Survey

TEA will be determining the list of year-round education (YRE) campuses through a brief (approximately 5- to 10-minute) survey. TEA will survey all districts in the state to understand the following:

- whether the district has campuses operating on a year-round system under Texas Education Code § 25.084 and if so, the name and county-district-campus (CDC) number of the campus(es), and
- information about the type of track (i.e., single track, multi-track, traditional and single track, traditional and multi-track) used at the YRE campuses.

How Will My District Be Involved?

We ask that the superintendent’s office forward the survey link provided below to the person in the district who is most knowledgeable about how the district’s campuses operate. We also ask that only one survey be completed for your district. The survey will be available until November 30, 2016. Please use the link below to access the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JL6KC8F

Why Is My District Being Asked to Participate?

Your participation is mandatory to comply with Rider 69 (84th Texas Legislature, GAA, Article III) and plays an important role in ensuring that TEA fulfills mandated reporting requirements regarding campuses operating on a year-round calendar. Your participation will enable TEA to gain a better understanding of campuses that operate on a year-round calendar system.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Please contact Anna Talley at 512-463-0922 or Anna.Talley@tea.texas.gov with any questions related specifically to this data collection.

Sincerely,

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