To the administrator addressed:

The Texas Education Agency invites districts to express their interest in participating in a pilot program for the local accountability systems (LAS) established by House Bill 22 (85th Texas Legislature, 2017).

This notice provides information about the registration process and a broad time line for the pilot.

**The Registration Process**

Each district and charter interested in participating in the LAS pilot must complete and submit the attached Notification of Interest form. The form must include a brief description of the district's focus area(s) for the pilot, as well as a synopsis of any local accountability systems that have already been developed or that are currently in development. The Notification of Interest form must be submitted electronically to performance.reporting@tea.texas.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

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By submitting a Notice of Interest form, you are committing to participating in the pilot (if selected) and committing to participating in a panel to review local accountability plans submitted by districts for the 2018–19 school year.

**The LAS Pilot Time Line**

**Phase 1:** Districts submit Notification of Interest Form. Deadline is October 31, 2017.

**Phase 2:** Texas Education Agency reviews Notice of Interest forms, selects pilot participants, and provides detailed explanation of participation in, and commitment to, the LAS pilot to selected districts. Deadline is December 1, 2017.

**Phase 3:** Pilot program ongoing from December 2017 through July 2018.

**Phase 4:** Pilot program results released in conjunction with 2018 accountability ratings. Deadline is August 15, 2018.

Please direct questions about the local accountability systems and local accountability plans to the Performance Reporting Department at (512) 463-9704 or email performance.reporting@tea.texas.gov.

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