Hurricane Harvey Response

SUMMARY OF AGENCY ACTIONS AND DISASTER SUPPORT

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, OCT 24 2017
There are 60 counties in Gov. Greg Abbott’s state disaster proclamation. More than 1.9 million students attend public school within these counties, 1.4 million of which were directly impacted by the storm. All but three districts in the 60-county area have reopened with some facing longer timelines to resume operation.
Hurricane Harvey Impact

Districts With Delayed Reopenings

- 1 week delayed
  - 61 Districts
- 2 weeks delayed
  - 62 Districts
- 3 weeks delayed
  - 11 Districts
- 4+ weeks delayed
  - 9 Districts

*Approximation based on available data

Education Service Center Regions with Delayed School Openings
Over 100 school and district facilities were converted to shelters, each holding different amounts of people (some exceeding over 1,500)

Several schools across all affected regions used their food services to feed evacuees
To date, TEA has issued **28 memos and FAQs** on Harvey issues

**Coordinated response** from all statewide and federal governmental entities to accelerate recovery and rebuilding, including **daily contact with FEMA**

**Daily communication** with affected Superintendents, district staff, and ESC directors

**Traveled in-person** to date: Beaumont, Orange, Corpus Christi, Rockport, Houston, Richmond, and Victoria (x2)
TEA General Support

Official Correspondence To Districts

- Commissioner’s adjustment to ADA for enrollment declines due to Harvey
- Transportation for Students in Hazardous Traffic and High-Risk of Violence Areas
- Transportation for Students Displaced due to Harvey
- TxEVSN Additional Course Seats and Reduced Fees
- New Texas Student Data System (TSDS) PEIMS Crisis Codes
- Submitting Crisis Code Data & School Start Date Change in PEIMS
- Reduction of Minimum Days of Service
- Requirements for campuses operating over capacity because of Hurricane Harvey
- Instructional Materials Concerns Related to Hurricane Harvey
- Adjustments for Average Daily Attendance and Funding Issues Due To Harvey
- FCC E-rate Relief for Affected LEA’s
- Procurement Guidance for Schools Affected by Hurricane Harvey
- Appeal Extension for Preliminary 2016-2017 School and Charter FIRST Ratings
- Extension For Filing Appeals of 2017 Academic Accountability Ratings
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- Hurricane Harvey and impact of federal funds: Guidance, FAQ and waiver requests
- Additional Missed School Day Waivers Related to Hurricane Harvey
- Hurricane Harvey Enrollment Guidance
- Hurricane Related Waivers
- Deadline Extensions for the 2016-2017 Tax Information Survey and Staff Salary Data Collection
- Waiver request to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- News from the Department of Grants and Oversight
- STAAR Participation Counts Collection – Extension
- Budget Adoption Information for FY 2017-2018
- DSHS Letter on Immunizations for Displaced Students
- Emergency Procurement under TEC Chapter 44 Subchapter B
- Guidance on Non-competitive Procurement During an Emergency
- Information from the University Scholastic League
- Office of the Governor Hurricane Assistance Information
- U.S. Department of Education Harvey Resources
- Edgenuity Press Release on Hurricane Help
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TEA has set up web pages for districts and parents to get more information and answers on how to proceed during this tragedy as well as a general donations page.

Parent Resource Page

http://tea.texas.gov/HarveyParentResources

District Resource Page

http://tea.texas.gov/harveyresources

Harvey Help Page

http://tea.texas.gov/harveyhelp
Federal McKinney-Vento Act

TEA advised that students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence meet the definition of homeless and are allowed to receive:

- Faster access to support
- Free and reduced-priced lunch
- Transportation services
- Automatic admission
- Other supports

*Districts should assess a student’s eligibility for McKinney-Vento on a case-by-case basis as the identification lasts the entire year.
Schools Helping Schools - Donating Extra Instructional Materials

- TEA has set up a process to allow impacted districts to post their instructional materials needs, so that others schools from around the country can help

[link](tea.texas.gov/Academics/Hurricane_Harvey/Instructional_Materials_Assistance)
Harvey Funding Implications

Funding Issues

1. Increased Enrollment Due to Student Displacement in School Year (SY) 2017–2018
2. Loss of Funding due to Student Enrollment Decline in SY 2017-2018
3. Loss of Maintenance and Operations (M&O) property tax revenue in SY 2017–2018
4. Loss of Interest and Sinking (I&S) property tax revenue in SY 2017-2018
5. Loss of M&O property tax revenue in SY 2018-2019
6. Local tax increases to I&S to cover debt service in SY 2018-2019
7. Impact to state facilities funding costs
8. Facilities Damage - Chapter 42 districts and Chapter 41 districts beyond recapture
9. Students newly eligible for State Compensatory Education funds
10. Students Newly Eligible for Pre-K
11. Storm Recovery Costs

Federal Funding Options

1. FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
2. CDBG – Community Development Block Grant
3. Project SERV – School Emergency Response to Violence
4. Charter - Supplemental funding for charters affected by Harvey
5. Possible Congressional Funding

Please see attached handout for a deep-dive on all Harvey related school finance issues.
1. Operations (Maintenance & Operations)
   - ADA hold harmless adjustments
   - Property value adjustments
   - Funds available vs. appropriations vs. excess FSP
   - Cash flow

2. Debt (Interest & Sinking)
   - Possible tax increases
   - Funds available vs. appropriations

3. Disaster Remediation
   - Chapter 41s abate recapture
   - Chapter 42s require available funds
   - Instructional facilities limitation

4. Other Statutory Issues
   - Open meeting constraints
   - Certification deadlines (SBEC)
   - Transportation & busing