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-	All applicants are required to complete the Reviewer Information Form and to submit it online by <b>Thursday, May 6, 2010</b> . (See Part 2: Program Guidelines, "Reviewer Information Form," for instructions on how to access and submit the form.)								

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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, 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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1	The LEA must demonstrate that the LEA has analyzed the needs of each school and selected an intervention for each school and selected an intervention for each school.	Comprehensive Needs Assessment
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.	Project Management—Capacity Project Management—LEA Support
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.	Project Management—Lack of Capacity
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.	Program Abstract Intervention Model
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.	Project Management—External Providers
6	The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to align other resources with the interventions.	Project Management—Resource Management Program Budget Summary
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.	Project Management— Management of Grant Activities
8	The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to sustain the reforms after the funding period ends.	Project Management—Program Continuation and Sustainability
9	The LEA must include a timeline delineating the steps it will take to implement the selected intervention in each campus.	Project Management—Activity Timeline
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.	Performance Assessment and Evaluation—Annual Performance Goals
11	As appropriate, the LEA must consult with relevant stakeholders regarding the LEA's application and implementation of school improvement models on its campus	Comprehensive Needs Assessment—Groups of Participants Project Management— Partnerships/Involvement of Others
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.	Program Assurances
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.	Program Assurances

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contract with the LEA or SEA to obtain added flexibility in exchange for

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(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

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 (A) Provide additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school;

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

(B) Institute a system for measuring changes in instructional practices

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#### by telephone/e-mail/FAX on School Years 2010-2013 of TEA. Amendment No. **Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant** Schedule #4-Program Requirements Part 4: TEA Program Assurances **TEA Assurance Description** 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 2 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 3 orientation meetings, technical assistance meetings, other periodic meetings of grantees, the Texas School Improvement Conference, and sharing of best practices. For the LEAs selecting the TEA Designed Models the applicant provide assurances that it will participate in and make use of technical assistance and coaching support provided by TEA, SIRC, and/or its subcontractors. 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 5 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. The applicant will participate in a formative assessment of the LEA's capacity and commitment to carry out the 6 grant intervention models. The applicant will provide access for onsite visits to the LEA and campus by TEA, SIRC and its contractors. 7 The applicant, if selecting the Restart Model, agrees to contract only with CMO or EMO providers on the State's 8 approved list of CMO and EMO providers. 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. If the LEA/Tier III campus selects to implement the transformation model, 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 subjectspecific pedagogy, instruction that reflects a deeper understanding of the community served by the 10 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

2. Are designed and developed and with teacher and principal involvement

observation-based assessments of student performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high school graduation rates; and

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#### Part 4: TEA Program Assurances

#### TEA Assurance Description

- 2. 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 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).
- 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.
- 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--
    - (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), 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;
    - (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, 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.

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By submitting the application and signing Schedule #1, the applicant is certifying it will comply with the above assurances.

h. Locally developed competencies created to identify teacher strengths/weaknesses

Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for teachers
Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for administrators

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

Martin Middle School conducted several surveys of students, parents, and staff, as well as evaluated various forms of data available throughout the school year. Beginning in May 2009, the Planning and Decision-making (PDM) Team met to review the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) based on staff campus reflections, campus climate survey, and program reviews. Based on the information provided, the PDM made necessary revisions. Each week, the teachers met with the Instructional Teacher Advisor (ITA) to review student data profiles, attend professional development training based on the District initiatives, and discuss optional activities. In October, the PDM met again to review the CIP based on the report card data to determine if additional activities or programs were necessary, as well as determine if current activities were working. Teachers also met with the ITA to review INOVA data. After the benchmark testing days in November, a data dig was completed involving all teachers to determine areas of weakness and strengths. The team then determined what additional professional development was necessary, any changes needed in instructional pedagogy, and which students needed intensive interventions. In December, PDM and the Instructional Leadership Council reviewed the CIP and did not recommend any changes and agreed to meet again in May.

During January through the end of April, teachers and staff met with the Instructional Teacher Advisor to review student data profiles, lesson design, benchmark data review, and TAKS/TAKS-Acc/TAKS-M data.

In May, the principal and instructional teacher advisor attended a Comprehensive Needs Assessment training presented by the Education Service Center, Region 2, to learn about refining the CNA process. When meeting with the PDM to review campus data including surveys, focus group responses, and the latest TAKS data, the team looked for patterns in the following areas: demographics, student achievement, school culture and climate, staff quality, family and community involvement, school context and organization, and technology. The team determined strengths and needs. Once strengths and needs were determined, each area prioritized needs. Professional development and expenditures

Martin Middle School will continue to use the process to monitor the campus progress by creating teams of teachers, parents, and community members in each of the following areas demographics, student achievement, school culture and climate, staff quality, family and community involvement, school context and organization, and technology to determine if identified needs were addressed and if progress is evident. The teams will then determine if any adjustments need to

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**Capacity** -- Describe the LEA's capacity to use grant funds to provide adequate resources and related services/support to the campus to implement, fully and effectively, the required activities of the school intervention model.

The Executive Director for Special Programs will oversee the District Shepherd who will manage, monitor, and evaluate on a day-to day basis the start-up and implementation activities of the Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant to ensure successful implementation and operation of the transformation model during the in-school day as well as before-and after-school tutoring and extended learning, Saturday school, summer school and other instructional programs. The role of the District Shepherd is to manage, monitor and support the campuses by observing, visiting, and solving problems as they arise. Using daily calendars, hourly schedules, eduphoria - the web-based curriculum management system, educator and student attendance reports, progress reports, evaluation reports, student achievement data, and site visits, the Executive Director along with the Director for NCLB, and the District Shepherd will provide for the coordination and regular collaboration of the stakeholders-including each member of the Design Team, the principals, teachers, parents, counselors, and teachers. The District Shepherd will also assist with the replacement and recruitment of qualified staff, monitor the progress of 90 day action plans, and ensure the campus is provided operational flexibility.

The campus implements a Title I, Part A schoolwide program. As such the school may appropriate Title I, Part A, and State Compensatory Education funds to supplement the regular educational program. Corpus Christi Independent School District follows the State of Texas guidelines regarding the site-based decision-making process mandated for all Texas school districts. The process enables stakeholders at the campus to make decisions regarding planning, budgeting, curriculum, staffing patterns, staff development, and school organization to improve the educational outcomes of the school.

Through the process of periodic collaboration, teachers will use professional development to create high levels of learning for all students. Ongoing professional development that addresses the needs of minority and under-represented groups will meet the goal of increasing success for all students. In an effort to provide high-quality instruction for all students, including students with disabilities, teachers will receive professional development in the areas of contextual and problem-based learning and student-centered approaches. The intent is for teachers to incorporate differentiated instruction into teaching methods to improve achievement levels of all students. Leadership coaching will build capacity to cultivate campus/district administrators and teacher leaders. Online professional development will offer multiple venues for engagement in various types of learning.

In addition, different departments and offices will facilitate specific needs outlined in the transformation of the campuses. Program Specialists will provide support to the campuses by offering instructional support and by ensuring the campuses are in compliance with the TTIPS Grant. Content instructional program coaches will also provide instructional support. Their expertise in the core disciplines will guarantee the use of best practices at the campus. The School Services Director will be available to campus administrators to assist in the implementation and evaluation of the TTIPS Grant. The department of transportation and facilities will provide flexible hours of operation for the students participating in the grant initiatives.

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Partnership/Involvement of Others – Describe how the LEA/campus consulted with relevant stakeholders (students, staff, parents, community) regarding this application and proposed implementation of a school intervention model.

Corpus Christi Independent School District believes that effective consultation with stakeholders generates invaluable information, insights and learning that can be used to shape services in accordance to stakeholder requirements. Involving stakeholders in the planning process of a program-through program development, implementation, and evaluation-increases the likelihood that a program will address relevant concerns and will be well received and utilized. A communication and consultation strategy will be used to communicate and consult with stakeholders. The strategy covers a long-term commitment starting from the development of the school intervention model all the way through to implementation of individual school vision. The strategy will ensure continuous communication and consultation with stakeholders working towards agreed principles, using proven methods, best practices, and exercising transparent and accountable judgment to provide leadership as to the most appropriate way to implement and sustain the school intervention model. The following stakeholders key to the success of the project were informed about the transformation model and given the opportunity to provide feedback/recommendations:

**TTIPS School Improvement Committee:** A group composed of school administrators, teachers, parents, and community representatives who are appointed.

**Instructional Cabinet:** A group under the leadership of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and the Assistant Superintendent for School Leadership Services composed of district-level supervisors who provide leadership for campuses. Martin Middle School's Instructional Cabinet consists of lead teachers, Communities in Schools representatives, a counselor, principal, parent liaison, and the instructional teacher advisor.

**Stakeholders:** Representative group of individuals from the school's internal and external publics who have an interest in the school including parents, students, teachers, administrators, support staff, local businesses, elected officials, and community citizens.

Administrators and teacher leaders developed a grant action plan for involving stakeholders. A preliminary school intervention model was established after stakeholder review. Various methods of stakeholder consultations were used, such as, interviews, surveys, meetings, workshops, round tables, and focus groups. Input was solicited from district and campus leadership, campus staff, parents, community members, PTA members, students, Communities In Schools, and other stakeholders. A random sample of students, grades 6 through 8, provided perception data to help develop the action plan. In addition, faculty and staff campus reflection data was utilized.

The CCISD Instructional Cabinet met to review the major initiatives for the grant proposal. The cabinet consists of the aforementioned Assistant Superintendents, Executive Director for Special Programs, Executive Director for Instructional Support, Executive Director for Assessment and Accountability, Director for No Child Left Behind, Director for Elementary Curriculum, Director for Secondary Curriculum, Director for College Readiness, Director for Special Education, Director for Leadership Development, Director for Student Services, and Directors (5) for School Services. The Director for No Child Left Behind presented the grant initiatives, and team members reviewed the ideas and provided feedback.

Data about the campus was collected and analyzed (i.e., school mission, survey of stakeholders, student and staff demographic data by total school population as well as subgroups within the school, district mission, goals and ends indicators, student, parent, and staff feedback) by the TTIPS School Improvement Committee. Additional information from the Instructional Cabinet was included as well. Based on the preceding analyses of the collected data, a draft action plan was developed by the TTIPS School Improvement Committee to include schoolwide goals, strategies, and targets as well as by subgroups within the school.

Assessment of the plan is ongoing with modifications made as goals are achieved and as otherwise needed. The District Shepherd will communicate with district and campus staff to ensure assessment is used to target objectives of the project to maintain program fidelity. Formal and informal communication with stakeholders is ongoing and necessary to successful school wide implementation. Communication avenues will include meetings, conference calls, newsletters, email, posters, voicemail, texts, tweets, and lunch meetings. Martin Middle School met with a team of teacher leaders, the parent facilitator, Communities in Schools representatives, Instructional Teacher Advisor, and the central office Title I Program Specialist to discuss the results of the Campus Needs Assessment. The team agreed that since the campus principal had been assigned to Martin beginning the 2009-2010 school year, the Tier III Transformation Model requiring professional development and support would be the most equitable and productive choice. The principal agreed to fulfill the requirements of the TEA and SIRC technical and transformation requirements.

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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.

Fidelity of implementation is the delivery of instruction in the way in which it was designed to be delivered (Gresham, MacMillan, Beebe-Frankenberger, & Bocian, 2000). Implementation of the grant program will be administratively directed by the Office of Instruction and Curriculum under the supervision of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and the Executive Director for Special Programs. The District Shepherd will monitor the implementation process to ensure that the district maintains operational flexibility and avoids barriers to the grant project.

The following methods will be used for determining if the intervention program is implemented with fidelity. Observations are considered the best method or most credible method for checking on fidelity. The Instructional Rounds in Education model will be incorporated in the district to make such observations. The process entails teacher leaders who are trained to watch the intervention (i.e., a lesson) "in action," document program sessions (using notes and/or audio/videotapes), and rate the intervention against an established rubric. Self-reports ask the program implementers to self-reflect on specific details of the intervention. The following strategies will encourage program implementers to complete assessments honestly and objectively; (a.) The importance of the self-reflection will be emphasized and how the information is used will be explained. (b.) Self-reflection will not have an impact on job performance ratings. (c.) Self reports will need to be completed on the day of program delivery. (d.) A self-reflection collection schedule will be created and maintained. Other methods will include structured "check-ins" at regularly scheduled staff or faculty meetings for collaboration. Regular and frequent communication regarding student academic performance will be communicated daily through email, phone, documents, and classroom observations. To maximize and integrate the use of resources, facilities, and utilities, the District Shepherd and the Grant Budget Specialist will collaborate with the Comptroller, the Energy and Facilities Manager, and the custodial and maintenance staff. Specific proactive practices will help ensure fidelity of implementation. They are: (a.) linking interventions to improved outcomes (credibility), (b.) definitively describing operations, techniques, and components of the intervention model, (c.) clearly defining responsibilities of specific persons, (d.) creating a data system for measuring operations, techniques, and components, (e.) creating a system for feedback and decision making (formative), (f.) creating accountability measures for non-compliance, and (g.) support systems will be designed to provide feedback and professional development opportunities to all staff.

Martin Middle School will align its policy and procedural changes with the District's intervention model. In addition, Martin will utilize consistent evaluation each grading period with teacher leaders, parents, students, community members, and District personnel to determine if the policy and procedural changes are working.

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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 district will align other resources for the school improvement interventions by ensuring federal, state, and local funds are utilized in compliance with federal, State, and district guidelines to supplement the regular education program and the TTIPS Grant. The campus will continually review and update the comprehensive needs assessment and campus improvement plan to ensure all needs are addressed with a coordination of funding sources. Local, State Compensatory Education, Title I, Part A, and Title I ARRA funds will be analyzed to ensure the most efficient use is achieved. District offices will collaborate to plan for resources and services to the campus and avoid duplication of effort. The district will ensure content area specialists and coaches are available as instructional resources and budgetary support. Additionally, the district will utilize the School Improvement Resource Center and the Education Service Center, Region 2, for technical assistance and professional development.

The program manager and district personnel will monitor activities and budget expenditures on a monthly basis to track progress on the project's timeline. The effectiveness of grants funds will be leveraged by the use of existing district and campus resources. Active involvement and monitoring by the District Shepherd and Executive Director for Special Programs will ensure coordination with relevant district programs. Partnerships with community stakeholders will facilitate a greater sense of purpose and sustainability. Locally, many businesses and industries have committed to the support of CCISD schools.

Martin Middle School will align other funding resources with the Texas Title I Priority Grant funds by working with the campus Planning and Decision-making team to review budgets. The additional funding currently used at Martin includes Title I, Title I ARRA, State Compensatory Education, and local allocations. During the 2009-2010 school year, the campus had Accelerated Math/Reading Intervention monies and School Improvement Program monies; however, these funding sources may longer be available.

In addition, the campus will utilize District content program advisors, Title I Program Specialists, content coaches, and technology advisors to support the grant activities and requirements. Martin will also continue to attend District-sponsored professional development and utilize ESC-Region 2 and SIRC professional development opportunities, as necessary.

Campus business partners, such as Judge Joe A. "JAG" Gonzales, Solomon Ortiz, Jr., Abel Herrero, Mayor Joe Adame, Corpus Christi Teacher's Credit Union, Communities in Schools, and Career Explorers will continue to support reformations. Currently, they provide monetary donations for field experiences and instructional supplies, mentor students, sponsor parent involvement activities, and host assemblies. In addition, parents will become the advocates for change through informational meetings that outline the transformation of the campus.

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Dr. Silva was named principal of Sterling B. Martin Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year. Martin MS is a school with an academically acceptable rating from the Texas Education Agency. Dr. Silva has been working with his campus design team on school reform strategies to help improve instruction using Phillip Schlechty's philosophy, Working on the Work, action plan.

Dr. Silva was reassigned to Rose Shaw Special Emphasis School as principal in 2006. He served three years as principal at Rose Shaw SES. During his time as principal at Rose Shaw SES, the school was designated as a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. The school has maintained an Exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency for two of the three years Dr. Silva served as principal at the school.

Rafael Silva was principal at Prescott Elementary School in the year 2000 and remained at Prescott for five years. In 1996, he became an assistant principal at Rose Shaw Special Emphasis School and worked at that school for four years.

His teaching career began in 1987 at Menger Elementary School. Dr. Silva taught at Menger for 10 years in grades 3, 4 and 5.

Dr. Silva serves as a member of the Corpus Christi Independent School District Design Team which focuses on school reform strategies that will assist schools in improving student achievement,

Dr. Silva is also on a task force to help develop initiatives to address the issues with gangs and their impact on schools and student achievement. The whole philosophy is to educate children at an early age which helps them make good choices and keeps them in school. In turn, reduces the drop-out rate.

Dr. Silva is also a member of a group that is currently looking at Civil Behavior in our schools. The research is clear, a safe and orderly learning environment is essential to student academic achievement. The goal of this group of teachers, administrators and community professionals is to develop a comprehensive strategy for improving the learning environment by examining our current state with regard to student discipline, as well as providing professional development to staff to foster a positive learning climate and parent and community support civility in our schools.

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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.

Within the education community, from the superintendent of schools to district administrators, the vision for all students is more defined as programs are aligned and tailored to the needs of the campus. With a high mobility rate, lack of community support, and teacher effectiveness, it has become evident to the education community that campus administrators and teachers must become change agents if they are to transform school environments. The campus administrator must create a campus culture of high expectations for teachers and students if the district is to reach the goal of becoming a World Class School System, and the Office of Special Programs will oversee the District Shepherd who will manage the grant project(s). The District Shepherd's role will include regular and frequent communication with district administrators, campus administrators and staff, and stakeholders, and will occur through ongoing monitoring and feedback by means of site visits, e-mail and telephone communication, written reports, budget review, and formative and summative evaluations for each campus. The District Shepherd will be housed under the direct supervision of the Executive Director for Special Programs. The Director for No Child Left Behind (NCLB), who reports directly to the Executive Director for Special Programs, will serve as a guide to the District Shepherd. The Executive Director for Special Programs will communicate frequently with the Director for NCLB and will serve as liaison between the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and the Assistant Superintendent for School Leadership Services. The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction will provide support to campuses by utilizing central office Curriculum and Instruction staff to help teachers implement the curriculum and assist with instructional delivery. The Assistant Superintendent for School Leadership Services will support campuses by dispatching School Leadership Directors to campuses to assist with school planning, school operations, principal coaching, and accountability.

Considering that the sustainability of grants lies in building capacity, it is critical that the District Shepherd works with campus administrators and teachers in order to sustain the program after the completion of the grant. Once the knowledge base of an educator is expanded, learning cannot be erased.

Assist	ant Superintendent	Assistant Superintendent	
for Curriculum and Instruction		for School Leadership Services	
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District Shepherd Director for No Child Left Behind Director for School Leadership Services			
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**Program Continuation and Sustainability** – Describe how the LEA will sustain the campus reforms after the funding period ends.

The Corpus Christi Independent School District fully and whole-heartedly supports the Texas Title I Priority Schools (TTIPS) Grant. The district will seek other funding sources, such as state, federal, and private grant opportunities so the campus can continue to implement strategies initiated in the TTIPS Grant. Campus administrators and teachers will stay current on the methodology used in the transformational model and reinforce the strategies on the campus. The implementation of this plan will become institutionalized as self-sustaining over time. The focus on proactive leadership, effective instructional practice, and the use of diverse data sources will drive improved student performance. It is the intent of the Corpus Christi ISD to continue the evolution of the proposed activities beyond the scope of the grant period until the campus is recognized as one of the premier institutions of learning in the State. Other discretionary funds, state funds, and federal funds, such as Title I and Title II programs, will be used to ensure the academic programs continue. The Corpus Christi Educational Foundation, a nationally recognized community-based non-profit organization, provides leadership development and activity programs, supports the iAchieve Grant program, promotes special events, and awards grant projects to individual campuses. The district will pursue funding from the Foundation.

The district has framed its professional development plan over the next several years to include targeted professional development that is job-embedded and integrates technology that assist TTIPS teachers in addressing the unique needs of their students. Additional professional development for TTIPS school personnel and participation in the National Staff Development Council Summer Conference will be sustained.

The commitment of the district/campus administration, campus staff, and the Board of Trustees is constant. All stakeholders realize the importance of sustaining effective intervention projects. The TTIPS School Improvement Committee will meet on a regular basis to evaluate and ensure all grant initiatives are implemented appropriately. Campus leadership personnel will monitor teachers and staff for the continued implementation of research-based strategies learned in the professional development sessions. New staff members will be scheduled to receive the training in order to internalize the mission of the campus and effectively work with the students. Staff members who are not successfully implementing the strategies will be coached by campus leaders and teachers well-versed in the procedures. Retraining and/or updated training will be arranged as needed. Staff members who are effectively implementing the strategies (based on good data-driven results) will be selected to become model instructors. Parental education and involvement activities that are part of the grant project will become part of the regular parental involvement program at Martin Middle School. Training that is aligned to the professional development offered to staff members will be adapted and provided to parents. Parents will be well-informed to the performance demands of the curriculum and assessments required of their children. Parent contact logs will be reviewed for the number and frequency of consultations.

District-level personnel will work collaboratively to ensure the reform efforts and innovative programs are sustained. The Director for School Services assigned to the campus will supervise the principal in the day-to-day operations of the school and communicate accolades and needs to the Assistant Superintendent for School Services. The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction will continue to solicit feedback on the district curriculum and offer support for revision and refinement of the documents. Title I Services will continue to offer technical support to the campus through the coordinator for Title I Services and the Program Specialist assigned to the campus.

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External Providers -- Describe how the LEA will recruit, screen, and select external providers to ensure their quality. The district will recruit external providers first by following the district guidelines as specified by Texas Statute, School Board Policy, and the district Office of Purchasing. A clear description of the service or profile of the personnel that is needed will be created. The type of company or individual that would be recruited would be those who utilize best practices, engage in research-based strategies and interventions and are considered "experts" in their content areas or fields. The next step taken by the district would be to select form an approved district vendor list or advertise through multiple avenues such as online, in the newspaper, through professional organizations, and university career centers.

The district will screen potential external providers by conducting background checks, reviewing credentials/resumes, verifying past employment, and contacting references. In addition to this, another measure taken to ensure quality would be to determine if the individual or company indeed utilizes research-based, best practices by asking for a proposal as to how their service will improve student achievement and meet the intent of the grant project. An analysis will be conducted in accordance with Texas Education Code paragraph 44.031(b) that includes consideration of the price, reputation of vendor, years of experience, qualifications and/or certifications, quality of service, and extent to which services meet identified needs.

The district will ensure quality by selecting external providers who meet the following criteria:

- 1. Demonstrated record of effectiveness in increasing student academic achievement of students in subjects relevant to meeting the State's academic content (TEKS) and student academic achievement standards (TAKS).
- 2. Capable of providing instructional services that are:
  - (a) High quality, research-based, and designed to increase student academic achievement.
  - (b) Consistent with the instructional program of the district.
  - (c) Aligned with State academic content (TEKS) and student academic achievement (TAKS) standards.
  - (d) Secular, neutral, and non-ideological.
- 3. Financially sound.
- 4. Able to provide services consistent with applicable federal, State, and local health, safety and civil rights laws.
- 5. Evaluation results demonstrate that the provider's instructional program has improved student achievement.

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**Site Visits** – If the intervention program includes site visits to other campuses successfully implementing the intervention model, describe the process for selecting the locations and the expected outcomes of the site visit.

The campus will use the following rubric to determine if a site visit is a responsible use of resources and if the site meets the need of the visiting campus. As a result of the site visit, the local campus would expect to gain a solid understanding of the intervention model and its components in action with students and staff; become aware of potential issues and solutions for those issues; take an account of the resources required for implementation; and determine how to best implement the intervention.

Criteria	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
Similar demographics	The site of the visit has almost all demographics that match the campus implementing the intervention.	The site of the visit has some demographics that match the campus implementing the intervention.	The site of the visit has almost no demographics that match the campus implementing the intervention.
Ability to accommodate campus group	The site of the visit is able to accommodate a group of six to ten key staff member of the campus implementing the intervention	The site of the visit is able to accommodate a group of three to six key staff member of the campus implementing the intervention	The site of the visit is able to accommodate a group of three or less key staff member of the campus implementing the intervention
Availability of site staff to answer questions	Staff members of the site of the visit have a high level of availability to answer question from the campus implementing the intervention before, during, and after the site visit.	Staff members of the site of the visit have a moderate level of availability to answer question from the campus implementing the intervention before, during, and after the site visit.	Staff members of the site of the visit have a low level of availability to answer question from the campus implementing the intervention before, during, and after the site visit.
Access to observe implementation	The site of the visit allows a high level of access for observation of the intervention being implemented.	The site of the visit allows a moderate level of access for observation of the intervention being implemented.	The site of the visit allows a low level of access for observation of the intervention being implemented.
Level of success	The site of the visit has achieved a high level of success on the state assessment.	The site has achieved a moderate level of success on the state assessment.	The site of the visit has achieved a low level of success on the state assessment or the intervention has not been implemented long enough to determine success on the state assessment.
Cost of travel	The cost of travel is minimal.	The cost of travel is moderate.	The cost of travel is high.

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▼ Tier III Modified Transformation		
▼ TEA Designed Model with Technic	cal Assistance Provided by the School Improveme	ent Resource Center
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Section B: Model Selection Process - Describe in detail:

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- 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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Martin Middle School's principal and Instructional Teacher Advisor met with the Executive Director for Special Programs, Director of NCLB, and the Director for School Leadership to review the components and guidelines of the potential grant application. After careful review, the principal and Instructional Teacher Advisor met with a team of teacher leaders, the parent facilitator, Communities in Schools representatives, Instructional Teacher Advisor, and the central office Title I Program Specialist to discuss the results of the Campus Needs Assessment. The team agreed that since the campus principal had been assigned to Martin beginning the 2009-2010 school year, the Tier III Transformation Model requiring professional development and support would be the most equitable and productive choice. The principal agreed to fulfill the requirements of the TEA and SIRC technical and transformation requirements.

Martin Middle School will fully implement the Texas Transformation Project Timeline for Extended Implementation of the three-year program. During Fall 2010, Martin will establish a lead teacher team to review the District and campus snapshot. Based on that data, the campus team will begin the development of key programs and interventions based on the activities outlined in the grant application. The table below delineates the timeline for implementation:

Timeline	Activities
Fall 2010	<ul> <li>District and campus snapshot data review</li> <li>Presentation of grant requirements to staff, parents, and student leaders</li> <li>Design of flexible extended day</li> <li>Begin designing Transitional and Enrichment Academies</li> <li>Begin Identifying community partners and establishing professional development dates</li> </ul>
Spring 2011	<ul> <li>Comprehensive Needs Assessment review</li> <li>Victoria Bernhardt Data Dig (to continue Summer 2011, if necessary)</li> <li>Offer transfer opportunities for staff</li> <li>Identify District Shepherd for Transformation Project</li> <li>Finalize fall professional development dates</li> <li>Begin developing parental and community involvement programs</li> <li>Purchase flexible scheduling and extended day programs</li> <li>Advertise for additional staff (faculty, social services, etc.)</li> <li>Issue parent surveys for parental involvement feedback</li> <li>Begin development of Youth Development Programs</li> </ul>
Summer 2011	<ul> <li>Establish teacher leader team</li> <li>Teacher leader team to attend the summer training</li> <li>Develop plan to recruit appropriate staff and retain them</li> <li>Develop the job-embedded professional development plan</li> <li>Complete the first 90-day action plan</li> <li>Implement Transitional and Enrichment Academies</li> <li>Begin collaboration with feeder elementary schools and the vertical team high school</li> <li>Develop parent classes and activities calendar for Fall 2011 and Spring 2012</li> <li>Identify Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Intervention Team</li> <li>Establish the instructional calendar for Fall 2011</li> <li>Finalize Youth Development Programs</li> </ul>

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Timeline	Activities
Timeline Fall 2011 Spring 2012	Activities  Begin implementation of TTIPS Grant Implement schoolwide PBS interventions Begin providing enhanced social service support Teacher Leader team begins collecting observational data Determine student interventions and additional professional development based on observational data Continue Virginia Bernhardt's model for data review using District benchmark data Begin online courses Teacher leader team will review progress toward 90-day action plan Begin flexible scheduling/extended day Offer parent and community activities, meetings, and events Identify Cohort 1 for National Board Certification Begin math and reading recovery activities Begin College and Career Readiness activities Continue feeder school and vertical team high school collaboration Begin character education curriculum Implement Youth Development Programs Visit one Blue Ribbon School Begin researching comparable demographic schools who show high student achievement Teacher Leader Team will review behavioral data and PEIMS to analyze PBS implementation Implement targeted professional development based on classroom observation data and student data Teacher Leader Team will write next 90-day action plan Continue with interventions, flexible scheduling/extended day Develop Summer 2 Transitional and Enrichment Academies
	<ul> <li>Continue parent and community activities, meetings, and events</li> <li>Utilize Victoria Bernhardt's model for data review using District benchmark data, state assessment data, and other forms of hard data</li> <li>Visit second Blue Ribbon School</li> <li>Continue flexible scheduling/extended day</li> <li>Continue to offer parent and community activities, meetings, and events</li> <li>Continue reading and math recovery activities</li> <li>Continue College and Career Readiness activities</li> <li>Continue feeder school and vertical team high school collaboration</li> <li>Continue character education curriculum</li> <li>Continue researching comparable demographic schools who show high student achievement</li> <li>Continue Youth Development Programs</li> </ul>

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Timeline	Activities						
Summer	Teacher Leader Team will attend summer training						
2012	<ul> <li>Review and revise professional development plans based on the data review</li> </ul>						
	Review and revise Comprehensive Needs Assessment						
	Analyze progress towards 90-day action plan						
	Teacher leaders select action research topics						
	Develop plan for classroom interventions for PBS						
	Write new 90-day action plan						
	Attend NSDC Summer Conference						
	Implement year 2 summer Transition and Enrichment academies						
	Develop parent classes and activities calendar for Fall 2012 and Spring 2013						
	Review Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Intervention Team activities						
	Establish the instructional calendar for Fall 2012						
	Review and revise Youth Development Programs						
	Review research on Blue Ribbon Schools and demographically comparable campuses to						
	determine additional activities or modification of current activities						
Fall 2013	Re-administer campus snapshot						
	Implement revised and updated professional development plan						
	Begin action research projects						
	Continue online courses						
	Teacher Leader Team will write new 90-day action plan						
	Continue implementation of schoolwide PBS interventions						
	Continue providing enhanced social service support						
	Teacher Leader team continues to collect observational data						
	<ul> <li>Determine student interventions and additional professional development based on</li> </ul>						
	observational data						
	Continue Victoria Bernhardt's model for data review using District benchmark data						
	Teacher leader team will review progress toward 90-day action plan						
	Continue flexible scheduling/extended day						
	Continue to offer parent and community activities, meetings, and events						
	Identify Cohort 2 for National Board Certification						
	Continue reading and math recovery activities						
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	Continue feeder school and vertical team high school collaboration						
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Timeline	Activities
Spring 2013	<ul> <li>Finalize action research projects</li> <li>Collect data for PBS evaluation</li> <li>Continue online learning</li> <li>Teacher Leader Team will write new 90-day plan</li> <li>Implement targeted professional development based on classroom observation data and student data</li> <li>Continue with interventions, flexible scheduling/extended day</li> <li>Develop Summer 3 Transitional and Enrichment Academies</li> <li>Continue parent and community activities, meetings, and events</li> <li>Utilize Virginia Bernhardt's model for data review using District benchmark data, state assessment data, and other forms of hard data</li> <li>Continue reading and math recovery activities</li> <li>Continue College and Career Readiness activities</li> <li>Continue feeder school and vertical team high school collaboration</li> <li>Continue character education curriculum</li> <li>Continue Youth Development Programs</li> </ul>
Summer 2013	<ul> <li>Present action research</li> <li>Conduct intense data review and process evaluation using Victoria Bernhardt's data review model</li> <li>Teacher Leader Team will create a sustainability plan with the support and guidance of central office representatives</li> <li>Develop plan to continue use of teacher leaders as an instructional resource</li> </ul>

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- - 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
1b	Improve student performance in math	Drops in all groups between 8 and 30 percentage points	State assessment and federal requirements	Fall 2011	Summer 2013
1b	Improve student performance in reading/ELA	Drops in all groups (except at-risk) between 4 and 8 percentage points	State assessment and federal requirements	Fall 2011	Summer 2013
1b	Improve student performance in science	Met standard at 55%	State assessment and federal requirements	Fall 2011	Summer 2013
1b	Transitional Academies/ Elementary into Middle School	15 grade 5 students were promoted by GPC to the 6th grade. 82 incoming grade 6 students had one or more low performing objectives in math and or reading. Developmentally responsive schools may be the key to alleviating the problems of young adolescents' school transition. In contrast to the middle grades schools cited earlier, developmentally responsive schools might, among other things increase students' opportunities for decision making and closer contact between students and person-oriented teachers, while decreasing the size of peer reference groups and relative ability assessment practices. (Mizelle and Mullins, 1997).	Transition into middle school  Mullins, Emmitt and Irving, Judith L.  Middle School Journal	Summer 2011	Summer 2013

1b	Self-paced intervention solutions for K-adult learning software for all content areas to address remediation and acceleration.	85 students per grade level had one or more low performing objectives in one or more TAKS tested subjects. Thus, a comprehensive library of rigorous content that addresses skill gaps and provides intervention and enrichment.	www.PLATO.com	Spring 2011	Spring 2013
1c	Meet the facets of College Readiness through professional development, curriculum, and parent information meetings to improve and enhance all core content subjects.	The success of students is built upon a foundation of key cognitive strategies that enable students to learn content from a range of disciplines.	Educational Policy Improvement Center "Redefining College Readiness" by David T. Conley (2007)	Spring 2011	Spring 2013
1b	Local Camps that include fine arts and educational enrichment opportunities.	The arts cultivate the whole child gradually building many kinds of literacy while developing intuition, reasoning, imagination, and dexterity into unique forms of expression and communication.	Education Leadership (February 2006)  "The Arts Make A Difference"  Nick Rabkin and Robin Redmond  Educational Leadership, October 1, 1995  "Beyond the 3 R's Students Achievement Through The Arts"  Ramon Cortines	Summer 2011	Summer 2013
1b	Co-Teaching in all core content classrooms with a certified content teacher and a certified special education teacher who will work collaboratively to meet the needs of all students.	Special Education Students dropped an average of 30 percentage points in math, ELA, and social studies. Co-teaching will offer an educational approach in which general and special education teachers can work in a co-active and coordinated fashion to jointly teach heterogeneous groups of students. Teachers collaborate on instruction, evaluate student progress, communicate with parents, and genuinely work together to with a group of students. Co- Teaching is an effective way to meet the needs of a diverse group of students by reducing the	Free Library by Farlex  Co-Teaching and School Reform: A Case Study	Fall 2011	Spring 2013

		student teacher ratio.			
1b	Instructional Labs that will be led by a certified teacher who will create hands-on, support labs for classroom instruction to include, but may not be limited to science and math.	Overall Science scores have remained stagnant with little or no gains in overall percentage points. Math scores have dropped over the past 3 years The activity offers struggling students extra instructional time in order	ABC News Berkeley High School Plan would Eliminate High School Labs	Fall 2011	Spring 2013
		to strengthen conceptual understandings.  The lab allows for more effective use of instructional time and equipment because supplies can remain in the lab and class activities can be conducted without interruption.	NSTA Guide to Planning School Science Facilities LaMoine L.Motz, James T. Biehle, Sandra S. West		
1a	Data-Driven Instructional activities such as but not limited to differentiated instruction, small groups based on needs, or learning centers	Student will receive instruction based on data to address specific needs.  Instruction that is data driven provides a more effective and efficient use of instructional resources by specifically targeting student needs. The instructional leader is aware of benchmark data, progress monitoring scores, and outcome data for all students on a campus is a leader who can utilize this knowledge to inform instructional decisions and communicate high expectations as the individual, classroom, grade, and campus-wide levels.	What does data driven instruction look like on a campus?  University of Texas Systems  www.universtiy.state.texa s.us	Spring 2011	Spring 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
2b	Response to Intervention	Assist in integrating assessment and intervention within a multi-level prevention system to maximize student achievement and reduce behavior problems.  Assist teachers in planning and differentiate on the basis of student's varied skill levels	National Center on Response to Intervention  www.rti4success.org/  www.rtinetwork,org  What You Need To Know About IDEA 2004 RTI New Ways to Identify Specific Learning Disabilities  www.wrightslaw.com	Spring 2011	Spring 2013
2b	Using qualitative data to add value to performance measurements.	sing qualitative data to did value to a control of the control of	www.nationalserviceresou rces.org	Spring 2011	Summer 2013
		Helps you develop an understanding of who your students are and how to get them where you want them to be.  Using data to improve student learning in middle schools helps you to look carefully at student current test scores and other quantitative and qualitative data, compare your result to where you want them to be, find the gaps and the root causes of the gaps. Plan and implement a school improvement plan based on the actual data.	Using Data to Improve Student Learning in Middle School Victoria L. Bernhardt		
2A	Data Desaggregation Training using Victoria L. Bernhardt	Helps you develop an understanding of who your students are and how to get them where you want them to be. Using data to improve	Using Data to Improve Student Learning in Middle School Victoria L. Bernhardt	Spring 2011	Fall 2011

2C	Instructional Teacher Facilitators for math, science, ELA, special populations	student learning in middle schools helps you to look carefully at student current test scores and other quantitative and qualitative data, compare your result to where you want them to be, find the gaps and the root causes of the gaps. Plan and implement a school improvement plan based on the actual data.  The campus needs additional support in closing the gaps between all students and LEP students and all students and special education. As well as address the decline in scores for math and reading and the limited growth in science.  Therefore, a Teacher Facilitator will support teachers through a strategic, systemic approach to improving student learning.  Facilitators and staff members will use daily and weekly formative data about student learning (as well as larger interim assessments) to do error analysis, design reteaching, and focus instruction on students' needs.	"How Coaches can Maximize Student Learning" Saphier, Jon & West, Lucy December 2009/January 2010	Spring 2011	Summer 2013
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Critical Success Fact	or 3: Increase	Leadership Ef	fectiveness

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
3A	Building Capacity among teachers and administrators through the prescribed professional development based on data and teacher needs. The professional development will include the technical assistance from SIRC, as well as book studies and additional campusdesigned professional development. In additional, vertical alignment meetings with feeder schools and vertical team high schools, as well as horizontal meeting will occur.	Leadership capacity is the birth of participation in leadership and the depth of skill that teachers, administrators and community members bring to work.  Schools succeed by creating shared responsibility for student learning throughout the community.	"Building Leadership Capacities in Schools" Linda Lambert  "Building Shared Responsibility for Student Learning"  Anne Conzemius and Jan O'Neill	Fall 2011	Spring 2013
3B	Job-embedded professional development utilizing flexible scheduling	It has become apparent to practitioners that the structure of the school's schedule influences the degree to which middle schools respond to the developmental needs of their students.  Flexible scheduling allows schools to optimize time, space, staff and facilities and add a variety to their curriculum offerings and teaching strategies.	National Middle School Association  Williamson, 1998  Canady & Retting, 1995	Spring 2011	Spring 2013
3C	Content Instructional facilitators Victoria Bernhart Data Model	Based on State Assessment Data the campus needs additional support because of the gaps between all students and LEP, all students and	"How Coaches can Maximize Student Learning" Saphier, Jon & West, Lucy December 2009/January	Fall 2011	Spring 2013

		special education. As well as address the drops in math, reading, and social studies and the limited growth in science.	2010	-	
ЗА	Scholarships for professional growth	Based on a variety of different specifications and student samples, we find direct evidence that National Board certification is an effective indicator of teacher quality. Additionally, teacher working towards a Post-graduate degree increase their knowledge of content.	Is National Board Certification An Effective Signal of Teacher Quality? Cavalluzzo, Linda The CNA Corporation November 2004	Fall 2011	Spring 2013
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CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
4A	Extended School Day	Increasing the instructional day has positive outcomes for school with larger concentration of students with low income and high minority groups.  A study of high-performing high schools in Massachusetts found that all the top performing schools had expanded school days. Research suggest that low income students experience significant learning loss over the summer months compared to children from higher income families  The NCTL claims its time to lengthen the school year in order to meet today's domestic needs and competition from abroad.  Currently students attend 7 hours a day for 180 days. Increase attendance by 300 hours and maintain those hours every year.  Based on State Assessment Data the campus needs an increased learning time because of the gaps between all students, LEP, and special education. As well as address the drops in	Expanded Learning Time by the Numbers"  www.americanprogress.org  "Restructuring and Extending the School Day"  National High School Center www.centerii.org/handbook/Resources/8 A Restruct uring school day  Extended School Day and Year are under Review across the country.  Richard G. Neal, School Reform News  National Center on Time and Learning	Fall 2011	Spring 2013

		math, reading, and social studies and the limited growth in science.			
4C	Vertical/Staff collaborative Planning	Interdisciplinary teaming seems to have the most positive effect when teachers meet often throughout the school year, when they openly discuss their goal and plan curricula for a relatively small group of students.	http://pubs.cbe.ca.gov/Tcs ii/ch3/timprofirngcmntact. aspx	Summer 2011	Summer 2013
		Common planning time in particular appears to be a key factor. When adults and schools have time together to exchange ideas, their interactions with students are more likely to reflect best educational practices.	http://www.mcieinclusives chools.org/olns/data/resou rce/3326/finding%20collab orative%20planning%20ti me.pdf		
		15 Grade 5 students were promoted by GPC to Grade 6. 82 incoming Grade 6 students had one or more low performing objectives in math and or reading.			
4A	Flexible Scheduling	It has become apparent to practitioners that the structures of the school schedules influence the degree to which middle schools respond to the developmental needs of their students.	National Middle School Association Williamson, 1998	Summer 2011	Summer 2013
		Flexible scheduling allows schools to optimize time, space, staff and facilities and add a variety to their curriculum offerings and teaching strategies.	Canady & Retting, 1995		
		With large blocks of time to facilitate involvement, students benefit from less fragmentation and more engagement in project-based learning and interdisciplinary activities, promoting skill	Vars, 1993		

		application, interpersonal relations and decision-making skills related to concrete, relevant problems.			
4B	Transitional Academies/ Elementary into Middle School	Developmentally responsive schools may be the key to alleviating the problems of young adolescents' school transition. In contrast to the middle grades schools cited earlier, developmentally responsive schools might, among other things increase students' opportunities for decision making and closer contact between students and person-oriented teachers, while decreasing the size of peer reference groups and relative ability assessment practices. (Mizelle and Mullins, 1997).  15 Grade 5 through 6 students were promoted by GPC. 82 grades 5 through 6 students had one or more low performing objectives in math and or reading.	Transition into middle school  Mullins, Emmitt and Irving, Judith L.  Middle School Journal	Summer 2011	Summer 2013
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Section D: Improvement Activities and Timeline (cont.)
Critical Success Factor 5: Increase Parent/Community Involvement

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
5B	Youth development programs such as Father/son Social, Mother/daughter social,	The parental involvement and engagement programs consist of many activities throughout the	National Youth Development Center  Search Institutes of 40	Spring 2011	Spring 2013
	Grandparents' day, family picnic, experiential learning, career explorers,	year that are designed to strengthen the bond between student, family	Developmental assets.  Parent Search Institute		
	summer technology, and personal growth programs are all forms of youth development programs.	and school. Youth development programs prepare young people to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood though a structured, progressive series of activities and experiences which help			
		them obtain social, emotional, ethical, physical, and cognitive competencies. They address the broader developmental assets all children and youth need.	http://www.nydic.org/nyd ic/programming/whatispro grams.htm		
		Youth development programs help youth deal successfully with the challenges for adolescence and prepare			
		them for the independence and responsibility of being parents, workers, and			
and the state of t		citizens, by attempting to help youth develop competencies. These programs also: conduct activities with a primarily			
an y sagent a straight		nonacademic focus; employ primarily active and experimental learning methods; and promote			
		the competencies though group and one-to-one activities, which may include activities in youth			

		clubs ,sports and recreation, peer counseling and teaching, mentoring, arts, values education, leadership development, crime and delinquency prevention, youth employment as part of an educational programs, community service or volunteerism, literacy, after school programs, career counseling, job skills training, drug abuse prevention, alcohol education, parenting skills activities, ethnic or cultural enrichment, tutoring, and academic enrichment.			
5A	Having parents serve as representatives in decision making process, involved in Parent Teacher Association	Research shows that children achieve more highly when their parents talk to them about their experience of school and learning.  Parental engagement leads to the success of academic achievement, strategies that strengthen the relationships between schools and family, and partnerships that support methods for overcoming barriers between parents and the school staff.	Becta Leading Next Generation Learning  American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education	Spring 2011	Fall 2013
5C	Nutrition Programs such as giving students repeated opportunities to taste healthy foods, working with parents, school personnel, and public health professionals to overcome barriers to healthy eating. Using influential role models to demonstrate healthy eating practices. Educate parents about the value of healthy meals.	School-based can play an important role in promoting lifelong healthy eating. Healthy eating patterns in childhood and adolescence promote optimal childhood health, growth, and intellectual development and prevent immediate health problems. School health programs can help children and adolescents attain full educational potential and good health by providing them with the skill, social support, and environmental reinforcement they need to adopt long term	United States Center for Disease Control  http://www.cdc.gov/mmw r/preview/mmwrhtmi/000 42446.htm	Fall 2011	Spring 2013

		healthy eating behaviors			
		healthy eating behaviors.  The city of Corpus Christi is ranked America's fattest city according to calculations by Men's Health Magazine which ranks the city as No. 1 out of 100 on its list.  The magazine ranked the city by the percentage of people who are overweight, have type 2 diabetes, spent money on junk food, and the number of people who ate fast food nine or more times in a month. Corpus Christi has a high rate of type 2 diabetes, which goes hand in hand with obesity, said Grant, also a certified diabetes educator who works for the Coastal Bend Health Education Center, part of the Texas A&M Health Science Center.  Rosenberg, Katherine April 19, 2010			
5A	Early Literacy  Providing opportunities for a wide range of literacy learning activities and offer emerging readers learning opportunities with active participation.	Providing these activities supports early literacy instruction in the areas of letter names and sounds, phonemic awareness, print conventions background knowledge, vocabulary, decoding, and writing.	CELL (Center for Early Literacy Learning) is a research-to-practice technical assistance center funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Research to Practice Division. The main goal of CELL is to promote the adoption and sustained use of evidence-based early literacy learning practices by early childhood intervention practitioners, parents, and other caregivers of young children, birth to five years of age, with identified disabilities, developmental delays, and those at-risk for poor outcomes	Fall 2011	Spring 2013
5C	Provide a computer workstation for secure online access where parents and/or	Studies have indicated that children whose parents and/or other significant adults share in	http://urbanext.illinois.ed u/succeed/parental.cfm	Fall 2011	Spring 2013

	guardians have the resources and the capability to monitor their student's academic progress	their formal education tend to do better in school.  Online reporting means parents are able to have secure online access to information on their child's progress, achievement, attendance and behavior. It enables parents to get closer to and support their child's learning, enabling them to work with you as equal partners in improving learning outcomes for their children.	Becta Leading Next Generation Learning		
5A	Attendance intervention through community and parental involvement	A variety of studies confirm that parent involvement makes an enormous impact on student's attitude, attendance, and academic achievement. Family involvement in education can lead to increased student achievement, motivation, and selfesteem while having a positive impact on behavior and attendance in school.	North Central Issue: Supporting Ways Parents and Families can Become Involved in Schools  Henderson & Berla, 1994  www.nrel.org/sdrs/area/is sues/envrnmnt/famncom m/pa100.htm  Cassity & Harris, 2000; Ebstein, 1996	Fall 2011	Summer 2013
5A	Parent survey	According to the Maui Campus Study, parents need to be more actively engaged in the feedback process for involvement in their child's education.	Parent Satisfaction Survey KS Maul Campus, Spring 2005, Alyson Silverstein	Spring 2011	Spring 2013
5C	Increase real world applications through math, science, and ELA to include activities s to web quests and field experiences.	Real world application resources indicate that cooperative, interactive learning experiences not only help students make connections to various skills, but also to the real world. By increasing their awareness of meaningful everyday applications, students will learn to use essential tools in their daily lives. This motivates students to be active participants in learning the material being presented while using a	National Professional Resources  By Hope Martin 2006  Advanced Technology Academy  Steven Isaak	Fall 2011	Spring 2013

	variety of actives to address different learning styles.		
to create community oriented schools. The social worker may address issues such as: the facets of College Readiness, curriculum strategies, social skills, career readiness, and information meetings that improve and enhance all core content subjects.	School Social Workers are employed by school districts to enhance student learning by providing services which strengthen home-school community partnerships. They use their training and professional knowledge to address barriers within the child, home, school and community that may be interfering with the student's achievement.	Fall 2011	Spring 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
6B	Student Focus Groups	Focus Group discussions offer participants time to discuss particular topics. Middle grade students are mature enough to engage in thoughtful sustained analysis and problem solving especially on matters that clearly affect them. They are experts about their schools and have definite opinions about what works well and what can be improved. Focus groups are increasingly viewed as a valid research method to gain a deeper understanding of issues and tend to be a more qualitative received.	Middle Level Teachers Using Focus Group Research Fall 2005 Linda Whitney http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa3673/is_1 126/al_n29209814/	Spring 2011	Spring 2013
6C	Volunteer Hours	quantitative research.  Provides experience in supervising, leading, and motivating people. And provides opportunities for students to work with others less fortunate than themselves.	http://www.volunteering.lorg.uk/whatwedo/student +voluteering+week+2010 Stidemt+voluteering+cas e+study	Fall 2011	Spring 2013
		Research indicates that introducing people to service while they are still young can set them on a path to lifelong civic engagement. A large body of research shows that service-learning has many positive effects on students' academic achievement and engagement in school. Service-learning is a strong vehicle for enhancing and deepening the learning experience to	National and Community Service nationalservice.gov Wednesday, November 12, 2008		

		improve both civic and academic behaviors.			
6B	Building Student Teacher Relationships	Teachers who take the time develop positive relationships with their students will see improvement in students academically, behaviorally, and emotionally. Students who have positive relationships with their teachers tend to put forth more effort in class and as a result improve academic achievement. Positive relationships between students and teachers have positive academic effects. According to Pinta, "close relationships with teachers lead to higher levels of student engagement and achievement."	Positive Student-Teacher Relationships Becker, S.	Fall 2011	Spring 2013
6A	Mentors	Mentoring can help students gain skills and confidence to be responsible for their own futures.  Students who take part in carefully planned, long-term mentoring programs have higher grade-point averages, are more likely to attend college or post-secondary training programs and report improved social and family relationships.	Student Mentoring Dubuque Community Schools  www.dubuque.k12.ia.us/s tudentmentoring/student mentoringinformation.htm  The Principal's Partnership http://www.principalpartn ership.com/ Sponsored by Union Pacific Foundation	Fall 2011	Spring 2013
6B	Positive Behavior Support Activities	Positive Behavior Support initiatives can improve discipline across the campus by ensuring all stakeholders use a common language. PBS recognizes students who follow expectations. The model also provides consistency for teachers, parents, and students.	http://www.tbsi.org	Fall 2011	Spring 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
Facilitators:	Instructional Teacher Facilitators: math, science, ELA, special ed/ELLs	Teacher facilitators can increase teacher quality by modeling instructional strategies. Teacher facilitators can go into classrooms to assist all teachers in working with new curriculums and to strengthen their	A thoughtful Approach to Teacher Evaluation Goldstein, Jennifer and Noguera, Pedro A.	Fall 2011	Spring 2013
		performance in all content areas  School-based instructional coaches increase the quality of the teaching thus impacting learning in the classroom.	How Coaches Can Maximize Student Learning Saphier, Jon and West, Lucy		
		The roles and relationships of coaches enhances the likelihood that they will be able to influence school culture, professional learning, and student achievement.			
7A	Instructional Facilitators and Instructional Leader Team conducts teacher assistance and review	Peer assistance and review (PAR) reduces the burden on principals, the isolation of the classroom teacher, and sometimes even the antagonism and hostility between labor and management by involving teachers in the formal evaluation of other teachers	A thoughtful Approach to Teacher Evaluation Goldstein, Jennifer Noguera, Pedro A.	Fall 2011	Summer 2013
		Coaches and teachers engage in public teaching in front of one another, with the expectation and practice of giving and receiving rigorous feedback aimed at improving student			

		learning.			
7В	Scholarships for professional growth	Opportunities for teacher growth either through obtaining a degree or National Board	Is National Board Certification An Effective Signal of Teacher Quality?	Fall 2011	Spring 2013
		Certification improves classroom instruction and improving teacher quality.	Cavalluzzo, Linda The CNA Corporation November 2004		
7C	Incentive Pay	Research shows that teachers are responsive to monetary incentives. Few school systems	Teacher Pay Reforms The Political Implications of Recent Research	Summer 2011	Spring 2013
	S	strategically use compensation as a policy tool to achieve various	Goldhaber, Dan University of Washington		
		objectives.	and Urban Institute		
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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

In addition to the technical assistance and monitoring provided by SIRC every 90 days, Martin teachers, staff, student representatives, and parent representatives will work in interdisciplinary teams to address the grant implementation activities for each grant component each 6-weeks grading period. Teams may use the following guiding questions which will be the same for each component:

- 1. What proof do we have that the activities are improving student achievement? If academic improvement is not evident,
  - a. What are the modifications or adjustments necessary for improvement?
  - b. What do student surveys say about the effectiveness of the activities?
  - c. What does the data from benchmarks, 6-weeks assessments, mini-assessments, grade reporting, and state assessments reveal?
- 2. What progress are the classes or individual students making toward proficiency on an indicator and what data supports the progress? If progress is not evident,
  - a. What are the barriers?
  - b. What is the teacher perception for lack of progress?
  - c. What changes or adjustments need to be made?
- 3. Are the activities meaningful and valuable in the efforts to improve student achievement? If not,
  - a. What activities need to be adjusted or changed?
  - b. What will those changes look like?

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c. What do student surveys say about the meaning and value?

In addition to the guiding questions, the review teams will utilize a monitoring process based on Dr. Phillip C. Schlechty's Working on the Work protocols for looking at the activities implemented which will include collegial conversations and a descriptive review process.

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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

The Martin Middle School campus team which includes teachers and leadership will design and develop a rigorous, transparent, and equitable evaluation system. The formative evaluation will be utilized to assess the implementation of the grant activities, professional development opportunities, and technical assistance; monitor the extent of grant implementation; and determine if any adjustments or improvements are necessary. The team will determine the types of observation-based assessments of performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflections. Key components of the formative evaluation will include observational data based on classroom visits and walk-throughs, parent/student/teacher surveys, student focus group discussions, parent focus group discussions, and a campusdesigned formative evaluation checklist.

The campus team will create a protocol to validate or ensure that grant goals and instructional goals are being achieved and if necessary identify areas of subsequent need. The formative evaluation checklist will address the seven goals of the grant as indicated below:

- Improve academic achievement design, procedures, clarity, efficiency
- Increase teacher quality design, procedures, efficiency
- Improve school climate design, procedures, proficiency
- Increase leadership effectiveness design, procedures, proficiency
- Increase the use of quality data design, procedures, efficiency
- Increase parental involvement design, procedures, proficiency
- Increase learning time design, procedures, efficiency

The Principal, Teacher Leader Team, Instructional Teacher Advisor, and the Instructional Teacher Facilitators will lead the formative evaluation processes. Once results from the evaluation are reviewed, the team will use findings to brainstorm, adjust/modify, and implement changes to improve the grant program.

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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 C: Qualitative and Quantitative Data Collection Methods- Describe the LEA/campus' process for data collection methods to be implemented and 1) how the data will be disaggregated; 2) used to improve instruction; and 3) obtain continuous improvement results

Using qualitative and quantitative data, Martin Middle School will be able to create a detailed picture of the grant implementation.

Qualitative Data will include but not be limited to:	Quantitative Data will include but not be limited to:
Classroom visits Walk-throughs Student perception surveys Parent perception surveys Teacher perception surveys Student focus group discussions Parent focus group discussions Informal teacher discussions Observations	State assessment data District benchmark data Campus assessment data Attendance data Discipline data Numbers of parents visiting the campus Grade reporting data

Data will be disaggregated and given to all appropriate stakeholders each grading period as well as during each 90-day action plan review. Data will also be used to evaluate program effectiveness. The Victoria Bernhardt model for data disaggregation will be utilized. Changes and modifications will continually occur as needed in order to support increased student achievement. Using qualitative and quantitative data, Martin Middle School will be able to create a detailed picture of the grant implementation.

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# Part 2: Process for Development of Performance Goals

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

Responses are limited to **two pages**, front side only, with a font size no smaller than 9 point (Arial or Verdana). In order to establish the performance goals, a team of teacher leaders, principal, instructional teacher advisor, parent liaison, counselor, parent focus group, student focus group, and a Title I Program Specialist reviewed the campus's Comprehensive Needs Assessment, demographics, lesson plans, and Continuous Campus Improvement Plan. The team also looked at 3-year longitudinal data to determine patterns and trends in all subjects and groups. From that data, the team determined a need in five areas.

The team noticed several patterns, especially math and ELA. Beginning in 2007-2008, 73% of "All" students in math met minimum proficiency. However, the percentage dropped to 70% then 63% each following year. In ELA, 87% of students met proficiency, followed by 85% and 83%. Science started with 48%, then moved up to 51% then 55%, managing to meet the minimum percentage of students who meet minimum proficiency. Social studies started with 83%, increased to 86%, then dropped to 80%. Two areas of concern were special education and the ELL population, both showing considerable drops between the '08-'09 year and the '09-'10 year. Special education dropped on average 30 percentage points in math, ELA, and social studies. ELLs dropped an average of 15 percentage points from scores ranging from 39% to 41% in math and ELA respectively. Therefore, the team developed a goal to increase student achievement.

Parent involvement has always been a problem at Martin Middle School, and even though the numbers have increased, often it is the same parents who attend the many events and activities. As a result, the team determined that we needed to reach out to the other parents/guardians exponentially and developed a goal to increase parent and community involvement.

In addition to hard data, Martin reviewed faculty and staff perception data, student perception data, parent perception data, and District designed campus climate survey data. Based on the data, Martin understands that teachers need additional professional development on engaging student learners, meeting the needs of all students, and fidelity monitoring. In addition, parents want more activities to help their students achieve academically. Parents also feel that most teachers are helpful, but some need additional professional development to work with struggling students.

The team also noticed that lesson plans had remained rather stagnant over the past three years, noting that many teachers were doing the same plans year after year with little or no documentation of differentiation, even though the teachers have had numerous trainings on differentiation. As a result, more teacher support needed to be offered and more accountability needed to be established. The team determined a need to increase and develop teacher and leadership qualities. The team also developed the goal to integrate technology in classroom instruction.

A student focus group was formed and the main concern was that some students distract from the learning environment because of acute discipline problems. The team decided on a goal to change the school climate.

Once the goals were created, the team then developed a framework of activities proposed in the grant application which addressed the goals. The team determined the goals and activities were realistic given the population, academic growth patterns, and lesson design and ensured that all activities and performance goals supported the Comprehensive Needs Assessment.

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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

<b>#</b>	ssments and other measures identified t  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	State assessment	83%	85%	87%	90%
 2	Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics	State assessment	62%	65%	71%	75%
3	Improve Student Achievement in Science	State assessment	55%	60%	65%	70%
4	Improve Student Achievement identified special education	State assessment	Math – dropped 30 percentage points; ELA dropped 36 percentage points; science remained at 43%; social studies dropped 29 percentage points	Increase by 10%	Increase by 10%	Increase by 10%
5	Improve Student Achievement in ESOL	State assessment	Math - 24%; ELA - 31%; Science - 31%; social studies - 31%	Increase by 10%	Increase by 10%	Increase by 10%

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.

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# Part 3: Annual Performance Goals

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	Increase job-embedded staff development following the Professional Learning	Training agendas, sign-in sheets, SIRC	None	10 hours	35 hours	70 hours
2	Community model Scholarships for advanced degrees and/or National Board Certification	Campus designed criteria	None	None	5	5
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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.

<b>#</b>	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
	Flexible Schedule for Students	Master schedule	180 days, 7 hours a day	0 hours	300 hours	Maintain 300 hours
1 —— 2	Flexible Schedule for Teachers	Master schedule	185 days, 7.5 hours a day	30 hours	300 hours	Maintain 300 hours
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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	Increased attendance at school events	Sign-in sheets	150+	200+	225+	250+
2	Increased attendance at parent meetings	Sign-in sheets	Average 5 a month	Average 15	Average 20	Average 30
3	Increase capacity of parents/guardians to have input about students' learning environment	Perception data, surveys, sign-in sheets	<1%	3%	5%	10%
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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.

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Decrease the number of discipline incidents	Discipline data system	500+ referrals for minor and major infractions	Decrease by 2%	Decrease by 5%	Decrease by 10%
2	Develop the social, emotional, and civic traits of the students	Volunteer hours documentation	None	5 hours for service oriented clubs and organiza tion	5 hours for each student	10 hours for each student
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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	Professional Development	Learning Links Professional Development	30 hours	+12	+24	maintain
2	Scholarships for advanced degrees and/or National Board Certification	Campus designed criteria	None	None	5	5
3	Incentive Pay	State assessment	o	\$3000	\$3500	\$4000
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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 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
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Offer computer literacy courses for parents and other program beneficiaries

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Barrier:		conomic Diversity (cont.)			
#	Strategies for Cultu	ıral, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity	Students	Teachers	Others
B17	Conduct an outreach progran	for traditionally "hard to reach" parents			
B18	Coordinate with community of				
B19	Seek collaboration/assistance education	from business, industry, or Institution of higher			
B20	effects of past discrimination	n to eliminate existing discrimination and the on the basis of race, national origin, and color			
B21	Ensure compliance with the requirements in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, and color				D
B22	their rights and responsibilities	nd other program beneficlaries are informed of es with regard to participation in the program		П	
B23	Provide mediation training on a regular basis to assist in resolving disputes and complaints				
B99	Other (Specify)				
	Barrier: Gang-Related Activities				
#	Strategies	for Gang-related Activities	Students	Teachers	Others
C01	Provide early intervention.				
C02	Provide Counseling.				
C03	Conduct home visits by staff.				
C04	Provide flexibility in scheduling activities.				
C05	Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting gang-free communities.				
C06	Provide mentor program.				
C07	Provide before/after school recreational, instructional, cultural, or artistic programs/activities.				
C08	Provide community service programs/activities.				
C09	Conduct parent/teacher conferences.				
C10	Strengthen school/parent compacts.				
C11	Establish partnerships with law enforcement agencies.				
C12	Provide conflict resolution/peer mediation strategies/programs.				
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C13	Seek collaboration/assistance education.	from business, industry, or institution of higher			П
C14	Seek collaboration/assistance education.  Provide training/information to gang-related issues.				
C14 C99	Seek collaboration/assistance education.  Provide training/information to gang-related issues.  Other (Specify)	from business, industry, or institution of higher			
C14 C99 <b>Barrier:</b>	Seek collaboration/assistance education.  Provide training/information to gang-related issues.  Other (Specify)  Drug-Related Activities	from business, industry, or institution of higher teachers, school staff, & parents to deal with			
C14 C99 <b>Barrier:</b> #	Seek collaboration/assistance education.  Provide training/information to gang-related issues.  Other (Specify)  Drug-Related Activities  Strategies	from business, industry, or institution of higher teachers, school staff, & parents to deal with for Drug-related Activities	□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	Others
C14 C99 Barrier: # D01	Seek collaboration/assistance education.  Provide training/information to gang-related issues.  Other (Specify)  Drug-Related Activities  Strategies  Provide early identification/int	from business, industry, or institution of higher teachers, school staff, & parents to deal with for Drug-related Activities	□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Others
C14 C99 <b>Barrier:</b> # D01 D02	Seek collaboration/assistance education.  Provide training/information to gang-related issues.  Other (Specify)  Drug-Related Activities  Strategies  Provide early identification/interprovide Counseling.	from business, industry, or institution of higher teachers, school staff, & parents to deal with for Drug-related Activities	Students	Teachers	Others
C14 C99 <b>Barrier:</b> # D01 D02 D03	Seek collaboration/assistance education.  Provide training/information to gang-related issues.  Other (Specify)  Drug-Related Activities  Strategies  Provide early identification/int  Provide Counseling.  Conduct home visits by staff.	from business, industry, or institution of higher to teachers, school staff, & parents to deal with for Drug-related Activities ervention.	Students	Teachers	Others
C14 C99 <b>Barrier:</b> # D01 D02	Seek collaboration/assistance education.  Provide training/information to gang-related issues.  Other (Specify)  Drug-Related Activities  Strategies  Provide early identification/int  Provide Counseling.  Conduct home visits by staff.	from business, industry, or institution of higher teachers, school staff, & parents to deal with for Drug-related Activities	Students	Teachers	Others

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Barrier	: Drug-Related Activities (	cont.)				
D06	programs/activities	creational, instructional, cultural, or artistic				
D07	Provide community service pr	ograms/activities				
D08	Provide comprehensive health	education programs.				
D09	Conduct parent/teacher confe	rences.				
D10	Establish school/parent compa	acts.				
D11	Develop/maintain community	partnerships.				
D12	Provide conflict resolution/pee	er mediation strategies/programs.				
D13	education.	from business, industry, or institution of higher				
D14	drug-related issues.	o teachers, school staff, & parents to deal with				
D15	Seek Collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education.					
D99	Other (Specify)					
***************************************	Visual Impairments					
#		s for Visual Impairments	Students	Teachers	Others	
E01	Provide early identification and intervention.					
E02	Provide Program materials/information in Brailie.					
E03	Provide program materials/information in large type.					
E04	Provide program materials/information on tape.					
E99	Other (Specify)					
Barrier: Hearing Impairments						
#		for Hearing Impairments	Students	Teachers	Others	
F01	Provide early identification and					
F02	Provide interpreters at program	n activities.				
F99	Other (Specify)					
Barrier: Learning Disabilities						
#	<del></del>	s for Learning Disabilities	Students	Teachers	Others	
G01	Provide early identification and					
G02	Expand tutorial/mentor programs.					
G03	strategies.	dentification practices and effective teaching				
G04		early identification and intervention.				
G99	Other (Specify)					
	Other Physical Disabilitie					
#		Physical Disabilities or Constraints	Students	Teachers	Others	
H01 H99	Develop and implement a plan other physical disabilities/cons Other (Specify)	to achieve full participation by students with traints.				
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Offer "flexible" opportunities for involvement, including home learning activities

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

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

Conduct an outreach program for traditionally "hard to reach" parents.

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

Provide child care for parents participating in school activities.

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in school activities.

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	Shortage of Qualified Per			•			
#		Shortage of Qualified Personnel	Students	Teachers	Others		
N01		to recruit and retain qualified personnel.					
N02	minority groups.	om a variety of racial, ethnic, and language					
N03	Provide mentor program for n	ew teachers.					
N04	Provide intern program for ne						
N05		ent in a variety of formats for personnel.					
N06		ersities with teacher preparation programs.					
N99	Other (Specify)						
Barrier: Lack of Knowledge Regarding Program Benefits							
#	Strategies for Lack of I	(nowledge regarding Program Benefits	Students	Teachers	Others		
P01	activities & benefits.	to Inform program beneficiarles of program					
P02	Publish newsletter/brochures to inform program beneficiaries of activities and benefits.						
P03	Provide announcements to local radio stations & newspapers about program activities/benefits.						
P99	Other (Specify)						
Barrier:	Lack of Transportation to	Program Activities					
#	Strategies for Lack of	Transportation to Program Activities	Students	Teachers	Others		
Q01		ents and other program beneficiaries to activities.					
Q02	Offer "flexible" opportunities for and other activities that don't	or involvement, including home learning activities require coming to school.					
Q03	Conduct program activities in olocations.	community centers and other neighborhood					
Q04	Other (Specify)						
Barrier: Other Barrier							
#	Strate	gies for Other Barrier	Students	Teachers	Others		
Z99	Other Barrier:			<u> </u>			
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Enter total amount from Schedule #5 Budget Summary, Last Column, Total Budgeted Costs

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**Administrative Cost Calculation** 

(2.340% limit)

Enter Maximum Allowable for Administration, including Indirect Costs

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Budget Request by Grant Yea grant period.	r: Enter the amount of grant funds requested for	r each year of the three year	
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Year 2: SY 2011-2012 \$1,750,0	000 *		
Year 3: SY 2012-2013 \$1,750,0	000 *		
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Subtotal Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits Costs

Grand Total Payroll Budget (line 26 + line 31)

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		xpense Item Description			Pre-Award	Amount Budgeted	
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626	No control of the con						
9	Specify purpose and provide calculation:						
629 9	schools)	ng Costs (specific approval required or	nly for nonpro	fit charter			
	Specify purpose:						
629		t allowed for nonprofit charter schools	)			25,000	
9	Specify purpose:   Professional (	growth opportunity				25,000	
Subto	tal						
	6200 – Profession	nal and Contracted Services Cost R	equiring Spe	cific Approva			
Profe	ssional and Consulting Services	(6219/6239) Less than \$10,000					
#	Topic/Purpose/Service			Total Contracted Amount	Pre-Award	Total Amount Budgeted	
1.	Building student and teacher i	relationships		\$	\$	\$ 4,000	
2.	Creating student teacher relat	ionships				5,000	
3.	Content specific professional o	levelopment				9,000	
4.	Comprehensive Discipline Sup					8,000	
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Duckar		Professional and Consulting S		than \$10,000	' <b>  \$</b>	\$ 26,000	
		(6219) Greater than or Equal to \$					
T. Des	scription of Professional of Cons	sulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Se	rvice):				
The co	nsultant will provide a research-bas	sed approach to disaggregating data a	nd making in	structional deci-	sions.		
	actor's Cost Breakdown of Servi		Positions	Total Contracted Amount	Pre-Award	Total Amount	
	Contractor's Payroll Co	sts				Budgeted	
	Title: Data Dig with	Victoria Bernhardt		<b>\$</b> 15,000	\$	<b>\$</b> 15,000	
		ts, Subcontracted Services					
deservation	Supplies and Materials Other Operating Costs			2 000		2.000	
	Capital Outlay (Subgra	nts Only)		3,000		3,000	
	Indirect Cost (2.340			422		422	
		Total	Payment:	<b>\$</b> 18,422	\$	<b>\$</b> 18,422	

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1990	Schedule #5D - Itemiz	ed 6300 Supplies and Materials Costs Rec	quiring Speci	fic Approval	
	Ех	pense Item Description		Pre-Award	Total Budgeted
	Technology Hardware- Not Capit	alized			\$587,300
	# Type	Purpose	Quantity		
6399	1 Laptop computers	Increase parent involvement	5		
	2 Class pads	Increase student involvement	25	\$	
	3 Student Response System	Increase student achievement	25		
	4 Laptop computers	Increase student achievement	666		
	5 Interactive Test Pack	Increase student achievement	1		
	6399 Technology Software- Not Capitalized				2,8000
6399	Supplies and Materials Associate	d with Advisory Council or Committee			
		Total Supplies and Materials Requiring Spec	ific Approval:		6153,00
	Remaining 6300- 5	Supplies and Materials that do not require spe	cific approval:		486,028
			Grand Total	\$	\$ 1,101,328

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	Schedule #5E - Ite	emized 6400 Other Operating Costs Requiring Specific	Approval		
		Pre-Award	Total Budgeted		
6411	Out of State Travel for Employees (Includes registration fees)			\$ 8,000	
	Specify purpose: National S	Staff Development Council	\$	\$ 0,000	
6412	Travel for Students (includes registration fees; does not include field trips) (specific approval				
0412	required only for nonprofit charter schools)  Specify purpose:				
6413	Stipends for Non-Employees (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools)				
	Specify purpose:				
		udes registration fees; does not include field trips) (specific			
6419	approval required only for nonprofit charter schools)				
	Specify purpose:				
6411/	Travel Costs for Executive Director (6411), Superintendents (6411), or Board Members (6419)				
6419	(includes registration fees)				
	Specify purpose:				
6429	Actual losses which could have been covered by permissible insurance				
6490	Indemnification Compensation for Loss or Damage				
6490	Advisory Council/Committee Transcription   Schedule #4B-Program Description				
6499	Membership Dues in Civic or Co	mmunity Organizations (Not allowable for University applicants)			
	Specify name and purpose of organization:				
	Publication and Printing Costs- if reimbursed (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter				
	schools)				
	Specify purpose:				
	10.00 				
		Total 64XX- Operating Costs Requiring specific approval:		80,00	
Remaining 6400 - Other Operating Costs that do not require specific approval:				76,000	
		Grand Tota	\$	\$ 84,000	

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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.
- 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 harmiess 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, Texas Education Agency (34 CFR 74.21; 34 CFR 80.20; TEA 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 payroli 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.
- **U. 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;
  - 2. 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;
  - 3. **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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5. 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);

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

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)].
- **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.
- **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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LL. 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, 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

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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 thi	s disclosure form un	less lobbying	activities are	being disclosed.		
Federal Program:						
Name:						
1. Type of Federal Action 2. Status of Federal			al Action: 3. Report Type:			
a. Contract b. Grant		a. Bid/Offer/Application b. Initial award c. Post-award		a. Initial filing b. Material change  For Material Change Only:  Year: Quarter:		
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	ting Entity:		Reporting Entit Id Address of P	ty in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name rime:		
Subawardee Tier (If known	):		Texas Education Agency 1701 N. Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701			
Congressional District (if known):			Congressional District (if known): 21			
6. Federal Department/Agency		1	7. Federal Program Name/Description:			
8. Federal Action Number, if known:			CFDA Number, if applicable:  9. Award Amount, if known: \$			
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (If Individual, last name, first name, MI):			10. b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a; last name, first name, MI):			
	(Attach Cont	inuation Sheet(s	), if necessary)			
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16. Information requested through this form is authorized by Title 31 U.S.C. Section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a mat representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier a when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C 1352. This information will be report to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure she subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more the \$100,000 for each such failure.			Signature:			
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			Telephone#	Date:		
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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).
- 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 falls 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.
  - 2. 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-
    - (I) 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;
    - (V) 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.
- 8. 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—
      - (I) 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 9) 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.
- 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.
- 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 <u>must</u> 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;
  - b. 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
    - Select new staff.
  - c. 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;
- n. Establish schedules and implement strategies that provide increased learning time (as defined in this notice); and
- 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.
  - b. 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 <u>must</u> 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.
  - b. 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 <u>must</u> implement the following federal requirements.
  - 1. 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--
      - (1) 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.
  - 2. 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-
  - (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 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.
- 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**

- 1. 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**, the **Model Selection and Description Report**, 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">http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=7354&menu</a> id=798
  - 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.
- 3) 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.
- 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.
- 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:
      - 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.
    - 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 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--
    - 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), 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;
    - 2) 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
  - I. 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.

1. **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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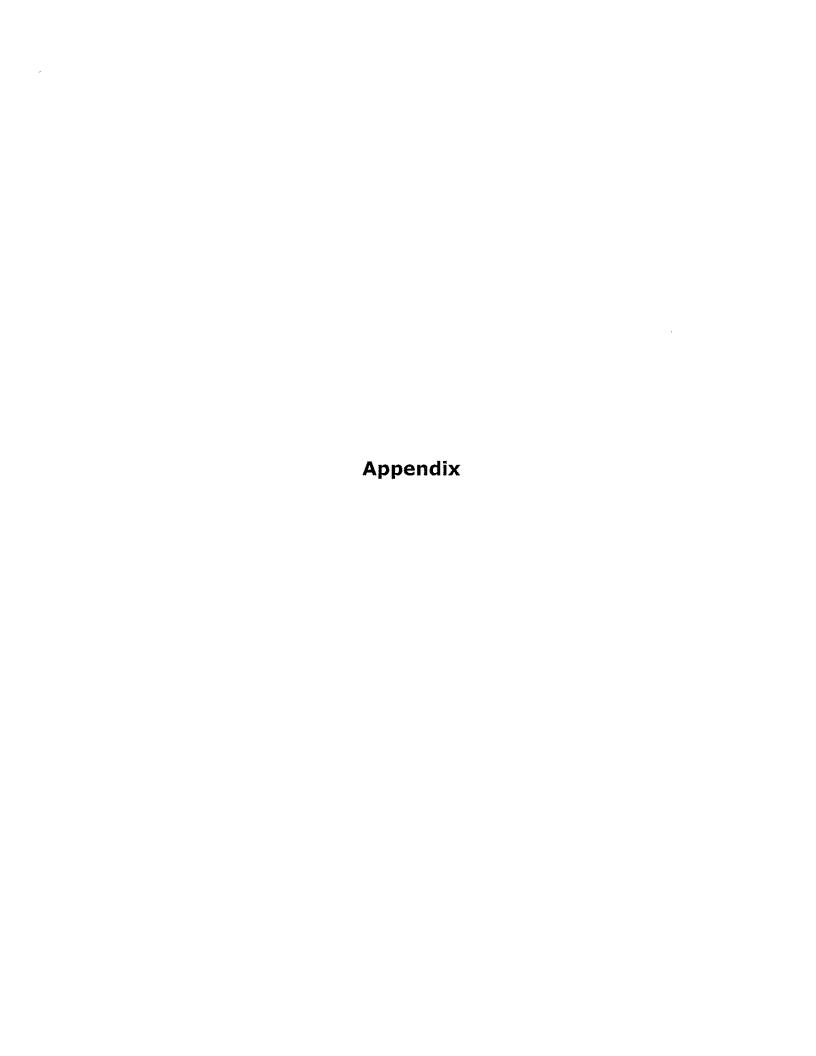
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- Use of Funds for Certain Expenditures Prohibited: ARRA funds shall not be used for any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool (Section 1604).
- 5. **Use of Funds for Construction Prohibited:** Unless 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





OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Joe Adame

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Mr. Scott Elliff Superintendent, Corpus Christi Independent School District P.O. Box 110 801 Leopard Street Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Re: Letter of Support - Title 1, Texas Schools Priority Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Eliff:

The Office of the Mayor is delighted to support your Title 1 Texas Schools Priority Grant proposal. The City of Corpus Christi believes that the education of youth in our community is the responsibility of all stakeholders and realizes that the community as a whole will benefit if students are well prepared.

The grant offers opportunities for students who do not perform to their potential to gain the skills necessary to achieve. School staff will also benefit from professional learning and this will offer students more avenues to succeed. Therefore, I enthusiastically support the grant proposal to improve student achievement.

Thank you for the opportunity to work together in the development of the future citizens of Corpus Christi. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Joe Adame

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Mayor



June 1, 2010

Mr. Scott Elliff
Corpus Christi Independent School District
P. O. Box 110
801 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. Elliff:

RE: Letter of Support

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Martin Middle School on behalf of Corpus Christi Independent School District. I believe that the education of our youth in our community is the responsibility of all stakeholders and realize that the community as a whole will benefit if students are well prepared. The grant offers opportunities for students who do not perform to their potential to gain the skills necessary to achieve. The school staff will also benefit from professional learning and offer students more avenues to success. Therefore, I enthusiastically support the grant project by Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant.

As a former Judge, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1-1, I provided exceptional commitment and unwavering devotion to the youth in my community. I will continue to provide and demonstrate tireless dedication and commitment to improving the livelihood of our youth of Nueces County as a community advocate *or* if elected as the Nueces County Commissioner for Precinct 2.

Thank you for the opportunity to work together in the development of the future citizens of Corpus Christi. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Joe A. Gonzalez (JAG)

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Corpus Christi, Texas 78413

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For Nueces County Commissioner Precinct 2

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June 1, 2010

Mr. Scott Elliff Corpus Christi Independent School District P. O. Box 110 801 Leopard Street Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

Dear Mr. Elliff:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Corpus Christi Independent School District(CCISD) on behalf of Martin Middle School to receive grant funding through Texas Education Agency's Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant Program.

As you know, the education of youth in our community is the responsibility of all stakeholders. As such, I offer my services and continued support in helping our schools achieve academic excellence. If chosen as a grant recipient, Martin Middle School stands to gain support in offering enhanced opportunities and avenues to students who need additional aid in gaining the skills necessary with school staff, it is my understanding that learning skills and technical assistance.

As an elected official, I will continue to do my part to provide adequate resources to all Texas schools so that students may have a successful future. Once again, I support CCISD in their efforts to receive funding through the Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant Program. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or need additional information regarding my support

Sincerely,

Abel Herrero

State Representative, District 34

DISTRICT 34 NUBCES (PART)

ABEL.HERRERO@HOUSE.STATE.TX.US

Mr. Scott Elliff, Superintendent Corpus Christi ISD P.O. Box 110 801 Leopard Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

RE: Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant Program

Dear Mr. Elliff:

June 1, 2010

This letter represents the commitment of Communities In Schools, Corpus Christi Inc. to collaborate with Corpus Christi ISD to raise substantially the achievement of their students so as to enable the schools to make adequate yearly progress and exit improvement status. This project will build on a existing partnership between CIS and the schools and families in the Corpus Christi area by providing prevention and intervention school-based services to create a program to reengage students who have dropped out and who are not achieving.

CIS Corpus Christi's program is part of a five-year longitudinal CIS National Evaluation conducted by Caliber, an ICF International company. Now at the mid-point, this CIS National Evaluation is providing conclusive evidence regarding the effectiveness of the CIS model in affecting student achievement and related school outcomes such as dropout and graduation rates, and reading and math proficiency. This comparative analysis is supported by surveys that detail how the CIS Model of community-based, integrated student services is implemented at the school level. The school-level study meets the highest levels of rigor and, therefore, credibility.

Results from the school level studies of the CIS National Evaluation provide external, empirical affirmation of the strong positive relationship between the CIS Model of integrated student services and school-wide outcomes. The CIS National Evaluation concludes that:

- Compared with other dropout prevention programs with scientifically based evidence of effectiveness, the CIS Model is one of a very few in the United States proven to keep students in school.
- Among those with scientifically based evidence, CiS is the only dropout prevention model in the nation with research to prove that it increases graduation rates.
- When implemented with high fidelity, the CIS Model results in a higher percentage of students reaching proficiency in 4th and 8th grade reading and math.
- Effective implementation of the CIS Model correlates more strongly with positive schoollevel outcomes (i.e., dropout and graduation rates, achievement, etc.) than does the uncoordinated provision of service alone, resulting in notable improvements of schoollevel outcomes in the context of the CIS Model.

A CIS Case Manager will work with the schools and the community partners to lead youth on the pathway to their futures through mentoring, supportive guidance, life skills training, leadership development and career planning. We will coordinate with other social service and health service providers to address the needs of the students and their families. We look forward to working with Martin Middle School to support 70 students on their path to higher academic achievement, staying in school, and graduation.

Sincerely,
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**Executive Director** 

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SOLOMON P. ORTIZ, JR.

June 1, 2010

Mr. Scott Elliff Superintendent, CCISD P.O. Box 110 801 Leopard Street Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Superintendent Elliff:

I am happy to extend my services and support on behalf of this grant proposal. We believe that the education of youth in our community is the responsibility of all stakeholders and realize that the community as a whole will benefit if students are well prepared. The grant offers opportunities for students who do not perform to their potential to gain the skills necessary to achieve. School staff will also benefit from professional learning and offer students more avenues to success. Therefore, I enthusiastically support the grant project to improve student achievement.

Thank you for the opportunity to work together in the development of the future citizens of Corpus Christi. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Yours for a Better Texas,

State Representative

Solomon Ortiz, Jr., District 33

DISTRICT 33 NUECES COUNTY

May 28, 2010

Mr. Scott Elliff Corpus Christi Independent School District P. O. Box 110 801 Leopard Street Corpus Christi, TX 78403

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June 2, 2010

Mr. Scott Elliff Corpus Christi Independent School District PO Box 110 Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

Mr. Elliff:

I am happy to write a letter of support for Martin Middle School to receive grant funding through Texas Education Agency's Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant Program.

Coastal Community And Teachers Credit Union takes great pride in supporting the efforts of CCISD in educating the youth of this area. We have offered support in many ways and when requested, have worked closely with Martin Middle School. The opportunities gained for both the students and the educators at Martin Middle School by receiving the Texas Education Agency's Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant Program will be invaluable.

Coastal Community And Teachers Credit Union will continue to support Martin Middle School and other education institutions to ensure that our children have choices with respect to their futures and that those choices will contribute to leading a successful life.

Sincerely

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