

To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	December 12, 2024
SUBJECT:	FY24 School Safety Allotment Data Collection
CATEGORY:	Information
NEXT STEPS:	Complete the FY24 School Safety Allotment data collection survey

Overview

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is committed to supporting school systems in their efforts to improve the safety and security of school facilities for staff, students and visitors. This To the Administrator Addressed provides information related to the FY24 School Safety Allotment Data Collection.

School Safety Allotment

The 86th Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 11, creating an annual school safety allotment to help fund equipment, programs and training related to school safety and security. The 87th Legislature enacted House Bill (HB) 1525, which included a provision requiring TEA to publish an annual report regarding the programs, personnel, resources and other purposes for which school systems use those funds.

<u>FY24 School Safety Allotment</u> data will be collected by a mandatory survey beginning Monday, January 6, 2025, and concluding Friday, February 28, 2025. **When completing the survey, school systems should only account for the funds allotted from the School Safety Allotment**. School systems must complete the survey by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025.

To have the information readily available to respond to the survey, school systems were advised to begin tracking the expenditures utilizing a local option code assigned in the school system's accounting application, as there is not an assigned Program Intent Code for this allotment.

To determine your school system's allotment amount:

- School District State Aid Reports
- Select Report > Select Summary of Finances from the dropdown
- Select School Year > Select 2023-2024
- Select CDN or District Name > Enter the information and click submit
- Open the PDF version of the most recent report
- The School Safety Allotment amount can be found on line 35, far right column

<u>Please review the FY24 School Safety Allotment data collection</u> prior to submission. For additional information, please see Texas Education Code, Section 48.115.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact Shane Sexton in the Office of School Safety and Security at Shane.Sexton@tea.texas.gov.