

To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	March 24, 2022
SUBJECT:	Release of Fiscal Year 2020–2021 Preliminary Compliance Reviews for IDEA-B LEA MOE
CATEGORY:	Funding Implications and Upcoming Deadline
NEXT STEPS:	Prepare data and documentation to submit to TEA, if applicable, by April 8, 2022

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has calculated 2020–2021 preliminary compliance reviews for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B (IDEA-B) local educational agency (LEA) maintenance of effort (MOE). Please use the following steps to find your LEA's preliminary review in the GFFC Reports and Data Collections secure application:

- 1. Log on to TEA Login (TEAL).
- 2. Select "GFFC Reports and Data Collections."
- 3. Select your LEA's name or county-district number (CDN).
- 4. From the Report Title drop-down menu, select "IDEA-B LEA MOE Compliance Review."
- 5. From the School Year drop-down menu, select "2020–2021."

TEA has also released the 2020–2021 Exceptions/Adjustment Workbook, which is available in the GFFC Reports and Data Collections secure application and on the <u>IDEA-B LEA MOE page</u> of the TEA website. LEAs must use the workbook if they choose to respond to TEA.

LEA Review of TEA's Preliminary IDEA-B LEA MOE Compliance Review

As described in the "To the Administrator Addressed" letter dated 3/3/22, LEAs should review their preliminary compliance review and compare it to their own internal MOE calculations. TEA has published a calculation tool on the <u>IDEA-B LEA MOE page</u> of the TEA website so LEAs can make these calculations.

LEA Response

Once your LEA has made its comparison, select one of the following four options for response:

- Option 1: Accept TEA's results.
- Option 2: Respond to TEA by submitting exceptions and/or adjustments.
- Option 3: Respond to TEA by requesting a recalculation.
- Option 4: Respond to TEA by submitting an alternate local calculation methodology.

Here are <u>details about these options and step-by-step instructions</u>. Please note that Option 1 requires no further action on your part, while the remaining three options require you to submit documentation to and/or communicate with TEA **by April 8, 2022**.

Do Not Remit Refunds

If the preliminary compliance review shows that your LEA is not in compliance with the IDEA-B LEA MOE requirement, your LEA may owe a refund to TEA. TEA will notify your LEA in the *final* compliance review, if your LEA owes a refund, and provide additional instructions at that time. Please **do not remit refunds** to TEA based on the *preliminary* compliance review.

Resources

Please refer to the <u>IDEA-B LEA MOE</u> page of the TEA website for further information and additional resources regarding IDEA-B LEA MOE.

For Further Information and Support

For any questions regarding the IDEA-B LEA MOE compliance review process, please contact the Federal Fiscal Compliance and Reporting Division by email at compliance@tea.texas.gov.