

To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	January 4, 2024
SUBJECT:	FY23 School Safety Allotment Data Collection
CATEGORY:	Information
NEXT STEPS:	Complete the FY23 School Safety Allotment data collection survey

Overview:

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is committed to supporting local educational agencies (LEAs) 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 FY23 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 those funds are used by LEAs.

FY 2023 School Safety Allotment data will be collected by mandatory survey beginning tomorrow, Friday, January 5, 2024, and concluding Monday, February 12, 2024. Superintendents will receive the Qualtrics survey via email tomorrow, Friday, January 5, 2024.

To successfully complete the survey, LEAs should gather and collect information related to all expenditures from their school safety allotment for the 2023 fiscal year. When completing the survey, LEAs should only account for funds allotted. LEAs should complete the survey by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024. Prior to submission, please review the requested information for the FY 2023 School Safety Allotment data collection.

For additional information, please see <u>Texas Education Code</u>, <u>Section 48.115</u>.

Questions:

Access TEA School Safety Resources on the TEA website.

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