

To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	February 15, 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 deadline extension 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.

<u>FY23 School Safety Allotment</u> data collection began on 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, as based on the 2022-2023 <u>Summary of Finance report</u> – Line 33, Near Final.

- The deadline to submit this data has been extended to Tuesday, February 27, 2024.
- Please preview the FY 2023 School Safety Allotment data collection prior to submission.

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

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.