

December 21, 2020

Dr. Shannon Holmes
Executive Director
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Austin, Texas 78752

Dear Ms. Holmes:

Thank you for your letter regarding the TEA's guidance to local education agencies (LEAs) during the COVID-19.

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, TEA has continued to update and adjust its public health and remote instruction guidance and announce these changes through my regular calls with superintendents as the crisis situation has changed. The safety of our teachers, staff, and students is paramount to the work TEA is doing to support school systems during this crisis. We will certainly take your suggestions into consideration as we continue to navigate what is sure to be a challenging remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Thank you again for your letter on this important matter. We are working diligently to help LEAs respond to a variety of scenarios to ensure both the safety and continued education of our students, as well as the safety of our teachers and staff, in the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Morath', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Morath
Commissioner of Education