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Commissioner

February 15, 2007

Dr. Ray Simon, Deputy Secretary
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-6400

Dear Deputy Secretary Simon:

Enclosed is the Texas Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook (Texas AYP Workbook) dated February 15, 2007. The workbook is updated to reflect changes to the Texas AYP calculations as a result of the following guidance and decision letters from the United States Department of Education (USDE).

- Expiration of the May 23, 2006, flexibility agreement regarding the inclusion of students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the 2006 AYP calculations and the 2006 AYP determinations for districts and campuses directly impacted by Hurricane Rita.
- October 27, 2006, letter regarding the USDE response to Texas' compliance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)/NCLB Standards and Assessments Peer Review process.
- Final regulation regarding the inclusion of limited English proficient (LEP) students in determining AYP, posted to the Federal Register on September 13, 2006.

In addition to the modifications above, the workbook also includes other minor revisions which have been tracked for your convenience.

If you need additional information or have questions about any of the proposed revisions, please contact Criss Cloudt, Associate Commissioner for Assessment, Accountability, and Data Quality, by telephone at (512) 463-9701 or by e-mail at criss.cloudt@tea.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Shirley J. Neeley
Commissioner of Education

Attachment

Enclosure: Texas Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook

cc: Criss Cloudt, Associate Commissioner for Assessment, Accountability, and Data Quality
Susan Barnes, Associate Commissioner for Standards and Programs
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Cory Green, Director, NCLB Program Coordination

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