

March 16, 2020

Governor Greg Abbott  
Office of the Governor  
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Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Dear Governor Abbott:

As we continue to address the rapidly changing circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, we write to express our gratitude for your leadership and decision to waive STAAR testing requirements for the 2019-2020 school year. This decision will allow school districts to focus on providing the best possible instruction to our students during this unprecedented time. We appreciate your willingness to listen to the concerns of school districts and to act accordingly.

As you noted in your statement, there is still more work to be done to ensure that federal funding of school districts is not jeopardized by this decision. We are fully supportive of your efforts to secure a waiver of federal testing requirements from the U.S. Department of Education and have sent a letter to Secretary DeVos imploring her to grant waivers to states that request waivers as part of their COVID-19 response.

Thank you for your continued support of school districts as we seek to serve our students to the best of our ability in these difficult circumstances.

Sincerely,

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| Aledo ISD                        | Collinsville ISD               | Irving ISD         | Prosper ISD          |
| Allen ISD                        | Community ISD                  | Keller ISD         | Palmer ISD           |
| Anna ISD                         | Coppell ISD                    | Lake Dallas ISD    | Richardson ISD       |
| Bells ISD                        | Denison ISD                    | Lake Worth ISD     | Rockwall ISD         |
| Birdville ISD                    | Denton ISD                     | Lancaster ISD      | Royse City ISD       |
| Blue Ridge ISD                   | DeSoto ISD                     | Leonard ISD        | S&S Consolidated ISD |
| Boles ISD                        | Eagle Mountain-<br>Saginaw ISD | Lewisville ISD     | Sam Rayburn ISD      |
| Bonham ISD                       | Farmersville ISD               | Lovejoy ISD        | Scurry-Rosser ISD    |
| Brock ISD                        | Forney ISD                     | Lubbock Cooper ISD | Sherman ISD          |
| Caddo Mills ISD                  | Frisco ISD                     | Mansfield ISD      | Sunnyvale ISD        |
| Carroll ISD                      | Garland ISD                    | McKinney ISD       | Terrell ISD          |
| Carrollton-Farmers<br>Branch ISD | Grand Prairie ISD              | Melissa ISD        | Trenton ISD          |
| Castleberry ISD                  | Grapevine-Colleyville ISD      | Mesquite ISD       | Van Alstyne ISD      |
| Cedar Hill ISD                   | Greenville ISD                 | Midlothian ISD     | Waxahachie ISD       |
| Celina ISD                       | Gunter ISD                     | Plano ISD          | Whitesboro ISD       |
| College Station ISD              |                                | Pottsboro ISD      | Whitewright ISD      |

