

DATE: March 2, 2018

**ACTION
REQUIRED**

TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

**SUBJECT: Important Changes to Principal Surveys to Evaluate
Texas Educator Preparation Programs**

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will be collecting data regarding the performance of first-year teachers to help assess the effectiveness of educator preparation programs (EPPs) in preparing first-year teachers to succeed in the classroom.

Texas Education Code (TEC) §21.045 and Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, require accountability standards for Texas EPPs. Current State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules require each principal who has a first-year teacher on his or her campus to complete a survey.

Information on accessing the principal surveys is available on the Principal Survey website: https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Preparation_and_Continuing_Education/Principal_Surveys_to_Evaluate_Educator_Preparation_Programs/.

Principal Survey 2018:

The Principal Surveys for 2018 are located in the Educator Certification Online System (ECOS). Principals will complete a principal survey for each first-year teacher on their campus using the same procedures they have in previous years. **This year's survey results will be used for EPP accountability.** Principals are requested to first complete all principal surveys in ECOS before participating in the pilot survey process described below.

Key Dates for Principal Survey data collection:

- **Wednesday, March 21, 2018** – Human Resources personnel access ECOS for principal roster verification
- **Wednesday, April 4, 2018** – Principals access surveys
- **Friday, June 15, 2018** – Final date to submit principal surveys

Pilot Principal Survey Information:

In addition to the current year principal survey, the TEA is piloting an updated principal survey that is in development for use in coming years. This updated principal survey has been approved by the SBEC to better reflect the teacher standards and teacher evaluation system currently in use across the state. Principals are being asked to contribute to this important survey development process by completing a pilot principal survey for their first-year teachers. Principals will receive emails with a specific link to a pilot survey for a first-year teacher on their campus upon completion of the current survey.

Participation in the pilot survey process is voluntary and principals are encouraged to make use of their appropriate designees to help with completing the pilot surveys. Pilot participants will have the opportunity to preview the survey and contribute valuable information that will help inform the development of the future principal survey. In recognition of their contribution to this pilot process, principals (or their designees) will **earn five (5) Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits** for each pilot survey that is submitted.

Key Dates for Pilot Principal Survey data collection:

- **Ongoing, April – June, 2018** – Principals will receive pilot survey links via email
- **Friday, June 29, 2018** – Final date to submit pilot principal surveys

Questions regarding the principal survey can be submitted to:
principalsurvey@tea.texas.gov.

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Sincerely,

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