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The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education 1701 North Congress Avenue Austin, TX 78701-1494

Dear State Board of Education Members:

Title 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §109.21 requires the commissioner of education to report to the State Board of Education at least annually on the progress of each fiscal year's audit plan. In accordance with that section, following is a description of the status of audit reports and related activities for the 2014 fiscal year, ended August 31, 2014. A report on those activities is attached.

Organization and Personnel

Duties related to attendance reviews, reviews of annual financial and compliance reports, and special accreditation investigations continue to be administered by the Division of Financial Compliance, which reports to the associate commissioner for school finance, Lisa Dawn-Fisher. Duties related to federal grant reviews and federal accountability are handled by a separate division.

Annual Audit Plan and Division Activities

The Division of Financial Compliance adhered to the annual audit plan that was provided to the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund in January 2014 with certain exceptions. These exceptions were attributable to changes in division leadership, vacancies in division positions, and several investigations that took an extended period of time to complete. Additional deviations from the audit plan occurred because in May 2014 a new department was created, the Office of Complaint, Investigations, and Enforcement, which was assigned several of our pending investigations. Also in the 2014 fiscal year the division visited four new charter schools in that were in the first year of operations.

The following table shows the activities of the division for the fiscal year by type.

Activity	Work Completed
Student Attendance Reviews	77 completed
Student Attendance Correspondence Investigations	2
Charter School Closeout Reviews	1
Reviews of Annual Financial and Compliance Reports	1242
Investigations and Fiscal Management Reviews	2 on-site investigations completed 10 correspondence investigations completed 12 transferred to Special Investigations Unit
CPA Work-Paper Reviews	15
Depository Contracts	918
Superintendent Severance Payments	42
School Audits Mailbox Questions and Research	300+

The division completed 77 reviews of student attendance data, which included desk, compliance, and funding reviews. These reviews resulted in monetary reclaims of \$7,884,382 related to the errors discovered. The division also completed two correspondence investigations of student attendance data.

The division completed 1 charter school closeout review, resulting in a monetary reclaim of \$523,127.

The Texas Education Code (TEC), §44.008(e), requires division staff members to review public school annual financial and compliance reports that have been audited by independent auditors. In its reviews, the division uses financial statement data to verify year-end financial data submitted through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS). Division staff members identify problems such as inaccurate PEIMS data, noncompliance with laws or rules, insolvency, and potential default on bonded indebtedness and then communicate with local education agencies regarding required corrective action. In addition, the division reviews electronically submitted annual financial and compliance report information to verify that no sensitive or confidential information was disclosed. During the 2014 fiscal year, the division reviewed 1,242 annual financial and compliance reports.

The division also conducted investigations and reviews in response to complaints that included allegations ranging from violations of administrative rules to official misconduct, and in response to findings of improprieties by school districts' and charter schools' independent auditors. Division staff members conducted 37 special accreditation investigations and fiscal management reviews of districts and charter schools through correspondence and on-site visits. Twelve of these were completed by the end of the fiscal year and twelve were transferred to the new Special Investigations Unit. In its investigations and reviews, the division made referrals and provided assistance to other divisions and agencies and, in some cases, law enforcement. The on-site investigations and reviews resulted in monetary reclaims of \$844,983.

The division performed 15 reviews of certified public accountant (CPA) work papers. Division staff members also checked Texas State Board of Public Accountancy records to determine whether each CPA

performing audits of school districts and charter schools held a valid license and whether the CPA's firm had an unexpired firm license.

In accordance with the TEC, §45.208, related to school depository contracts, the division reviewed approximately 720 school district depository contract files. Of the 720 files reviewed, 490 were notices of contract extensions, and 230 were depository contracts. The division reviewed 198 charter school depository contract files. Of the 198 files reviewed, 175were charter school statements of no change, and 23 were depository contracts.

Additionally, the division completed desk reviews of 34 superintendent severance-payment disclosures submitted by school districts, resulting in a reduction of \$193,525 in FSP funding.

Division staff members held and participated in several workshops, providing guidance to school district and charter school personnel on a wide range of topics. These topics included competitive procurement, the State Compensatory Education program, changes to financial reporting standards, and changes to student attendance accounting. Division staff members also spent hundreds of hours providing information on statutory and regulatory requirements to charter school and district officials and other individuals by phone and correspondence. Staff members researched and responded to more than 300 requests for information received through the division mailbox alone.

Status of Division Reviews and Related Activities

The attached document presents the status of division activities conducted during the 2014 fiscal year. Adjustments resulting from attendance reviews and correspondence investigations closed as of August 31, 2014, resulted in a net return of \$7,884,732 to the agency; reviews of charter closeouts resulted in monetary reclaims of \$523,127; on-site special accreditation investigations and fiscal management reviews resulted in monetary reclaims of \$844,983.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Dawn-Fisher, Ph.D.
Associate Commissioner for School Finance/
Chief School Finance Officer

Attachment

	Schedule of Closed Attendance Reviews					
Review Number	County-District Number	District Name	Final Mailed	Final Adjustment	Percentage of Allocation	
DA12-026	057-816	A.W. Brown-Fellowship Charter School	09/19/13	(\$127,796)	-0.115%	
DA11-066	221-901	Abilene ISD	10/10/13	(\$5,169)	-0.008%	
DA12-010	015-901	Alamo Heights ISD	11/05/13	(\$6,252)	-0.139%	
DA13-005	043-901	Allen ISD	08/06/14	(\$43,632)	-0.087%	
DA12-083	126-901	Alvarado ISD	12/17/13	(\$28,927)	-0.500%	
F12-015	071-906	Anthony ISD	09/04/13			
CR13-044	217-901	Aspermont ISD	11/05/13			
CR13-043	212-803	Azleway Charter School	01/09/14			
DA12-086	130-901	Boerne ISD	02/20/14	\$39,874	-0.232%	
DA12-012	020-905	Brazosport ISD	01/30/14	\$12,520	0.079%	
DA12-134	239-901	Brenham ISD	08/06/14	(\$138,322)	-1.065%	
CR13-007	025-908	Brookesmith ISD	01/08/14			
DA13-003	031-901	Brownsville ISD	08/06/14	(\$230,276)	-0.084%	
DA12-014	021-902	Bryan ISD	02/20/14	(\$8,394)	-0.017%	
CR12-029	109-902	Bynum ISD	01/09/14			
DA12-067	106-901	Canadian ISD	10/07/13	(\$3,848)	-1.549%	
DA12-039	071-907	Canutillo ISD	02/25/14	(\$4,193)	-0.128%	
DA12-125	220-919	Carroll ISD	12/17/13	(\$21,605)	-0.400%	
CR13-016	067-902	Cisco ISD	01/09/14			
DA12-047	084-910	Clear Creek ISD	02/18/14	(\$52,110)	-0.053%	
DA13-016	084-910	Clear Creek ISD	08/06/14	(\$64,345)	-0.056%	
DA12-088	146-901	Cleveland ISD	03/14/14	(\$35,595)	-0.198%	
DA12-036	071-901	Clint ISD	01/23/14	(\$4,113)	-0.007%	
DA12-104	178-904	Corpus Christi ISD	08/19/14	(\$9,274)	-0.008%	
DA12-101	175-903	Corsicana ISD	08/06/14	\$30,819	0.120%	
DA12-027	057-905	Dallas ISD	06/17/14	(\$4,512,911)	-1.450%	
DA12-127	227-910	Del Valle ISD	02/25/14	(\$89,546)	-0.249%	
DA12-112	194-905	Detroit ISD	02/25/14	(\$19,515)	-0.563%	
CR13-019	086-024	Doss CCSD	02/03/14			
DA13-008	057-907	Duncanville ISD	08/06/14	(\$105,239)	-0.188%	
DA12-094	159-901	Eagle Pass ISD	02/25/14	(\$27,407)	-0.036%	
DA12-042	079-907	Fort Bend ISD	01/24/14	(\$4,735)	-0.002%	
DA12-021	043-905	Frisco ISD	02/20/14	(\$162,458)	-0.006%	
F13-010	049-901	Gainesville ISD	09/24/13			

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Review Number	County-District Number	District Name	Final Mailed	Final Adjustment	Percentage of Allocation
DA13-015	084-902	Galveston ISD	08/19/14	(\$67,950)	-1.033%
DA12-140	246-904	Georgetown ISD	11/05/13	(\$14,241)	-0.067%
DA13-019	101-911	Goose Creek CISD	08/06/14	(\$9,011)	-0.014%
DA12-144	252-901	Graham ISD	01/30/14	(\$40,700)	-0.464%
DA12-079	116-905	Greenville ISD	05/29/14	(\$110,796)	-0.776%
F13-005	031-903	Harlingen CISD	11/08/13		
F13-011	057-825	Honors Academy Charter School	09/24/13		
DA12-019	034-903	Hughes Springs ISD	09/13/13	\$0	0.000%
DA13-021	101-913	Humble ISD	08/06/14	(\$81,493)	-0.066%
DA12-070	108-807	IDEA Public Schools	02/25/14	(\$35,339)	-0.082%
DA12-069	108-801	Ignite Public Schools and Community Center	11/26/13	(\$9,254)	-0.161%
DA12-084	129-903	Kaufman ISD	05/29/14	(\$60,885)	-0.386%
DA12-087	133-903	Kerrville ISD	12/17/13	(\$33,378)	-0.713%
DA12-055	101-813	Kipp, Inc. Charter School	05/29/14	(\$327,101)	-1.038%
DA12-077	108-912	La Joya ISD	12/17/13	(\$89,200)	-0.044%
DA09-100	101-916	La Porte ISD	09/19/13	(\$8,959)	-0.021%
F13-030	220-910	Lake Worth ISD	09/24/13		
DA12-041	079-901	Lamar Consolidated ISD	02/25/14	(\$106,841)	-0.193%
DA13-030	240-901	Laredo ISD	08/19/14	(\$3,817)	-0.003%
DA12-143	246-913	Leander ISD	12/17/13	\$28,842	0.007%
DA12-032	061-902	Lewisville ISD	01/30/14	\$1,297	0.001%
DA12-091	152-901	Lubbock ISD	02/18/14	(\$41,105)	-0.044%
DA12-034	070-915	Maypearl ISD	01/30/14	(\$1,309)	-0.046%
DA12-073	108-906	McAllen ISD	02/25/14	(\$27,650)	-0.031%
DA12-074	108-907	Mercedes ISD	02/20/14	(\$8,654)	-0.025%
CR13-039	200-902	Miles ISD	01/09/14		
DA12-075	108-908	Mission Consolidated ISD	11/05/13	(\$8,833)	-0.009%
CR13-010	049-902	Muenster ISD	11/05/13		
CR13-023	107-908	Murchison ISD	01/09/14		
DA12-053	094-903	Navarro ISD	12/17/13	(\$2,614)	-0.003%
DA12-080	123-905	Nederland ISD	02/18/14	(\$17,495)	-0.145%

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DA11-035	015-915	Northside ISD	10/09/13	(\$72,837)	-0.032%
DA12-006	014-804	Orenda Charter School	07/03/14	\$0	0.000%
CR13-009	048-903	Paint Rock ISD	02/03/14		
DA12-001	001-907	Palestine ISD	10/01/13	(\$50,658)	-0.464%
DA12-062	101-917	Pasadena ISD	06/17/14	(\$178,243)	-0.084%
DA12-013	020-908	Pearland ISD	09/13/13	(\$30,472)	-0.018%
DA12-126	227-904	Pflugerville ISD	05/29/14	(\$288,582)	-0.491%
F13-019	095-905	Plainview ISD	09/24/13		
CR13-034	169-909	Prairie Valley ISD	11/08/13		
CR13-033	167-904	Priddy ISD	10/01/13		
DA12-076	108-910	Progreso ISD	06/03/14	\$180,571	0.071%
CR13-052	231-902	Rankin ISD	11/05/13		
DA12-030	057-916	Richardson ISD	12/17/13	(\$16,272)	-0.002%
CR13-012	057-840	Richland Collegiate HS of Math, Science, Engineering	11/08/13		
DA13-028	226-903	San Angelo ISD	08/19/14	(\$3,041)	-0.006%
DA12-117	203-901	San Augustine ISD	01/17/14	(\$5,206)	-0.120%
DA12-132	233-901	San Felipe-Del Rio Consolidated ISD	10/09/13	(\$89,009)	-0.159%
DA12-003	008-902	Sealy ISD	12/17/13	(\$31,365)	-0.383%
F13-023	115-902	Sierra Blanca ISD	10/01/13		
DA12-005	013-905	Skidmore-Tynan ISD	01/23/14	(\$1,949)	-0.040%
DA12-119	208-902	Snyder ISD	02/18/14	(\$30,843)	-0.288%
DA13-014	071-909	Socorro ISD	08/19/14	(\$9,580)	-0.005%
CR13-002	015-807	Southwest Preparatory School	01/08/14		
F12-022	101-838	Southwest School	01/10/14		
DA13-024	170-907	Splendora ISD	08/19/14	(\$1,593)	-0.009%
F13-022	112-901	Sulphur Springs ISD	02/03/14		
DA12-102	177-902	Sweetwater ISD	01/17/14	(\$6,754)	-0.070%
DA12-142	246-911	Taylor ISD	02/25/14	(\$52,370)	-0.443%
DA12-085	129-906	Terrell ISD	02/18/14	(\$4,281)	-0.048%
DA12-025	046-802	Trinity Charter School	07/03/14	(\$60,716)	-0.872%
CR13-024	108-916	Valley View ISD	11/05/13		

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Review Number	County-District Number	District Name	Final Mailed	Final Adjustment	Percentage of Allocation	
DA12-138	244-903	Vernon ISD	01/24/14	(\$25,170)	-0.280%	
CR13-048	226-906	Wall ISD	02/03/14			
DA13-011	070-912	Waxahachie ISD	05/29/14	\$0	0.000%	
CR13-022	100-908	West Hardin County CISD	01/10/14			
DA12-106	181-906	West Orange-Cove Consolidated ISD	02/20/14	(\$23,550)	-0.055%	
DA12-120	212-910	Winona ISD	02/20/14	(\$23,370)	-0.510%	
DA12-043	081-905	Wortham ISD	01/23/14	(\$2,651)	-0.104%	
DA12-038	071-905	Ysleta ISD	06/17/14	(\$357,856)	-0.160%	
	of Desk Reviews, C d for 2013–2014 =	(\$7,884,732)				

Review Number	County-District Number	District Name	Preliminary Mail
CR14-008	178-901	Agua Dulce ISD	04/03/
DA13-026	188-901	Amarillo ISD	07/31/
DA13-007	046-902	Comal ISD	08/06/
DA13-025	178-904	Corpus Christi ISD	07/31/
DA13-017	101-907	Cypress-Fairbanks ISD	05/29/
DA13-022	108-902	Donna ISD	06/17/
DA13-012	071-902	El Paso ISD	08/06/
CR14-004	101-867	Fallbrook College Preparatory Academy	04/07/
DA13-027	220-905	Fort Worth ISD	07/18/
DA13-018	101-910	Galena Park ISD	07/11/
DA13-009	057-909	Garland ISD	07/03/
CR14-009	187-903	Goodrich ISD	04/03/
DA13-020	101-912	Houston ISD	08/06/
DA13-002	015-916	Judson ISD	07/03/
DA12-135	240-901	Laredo ISD	12/16/
DA13-001	015-915	Northside ISD	08/06/
CR14-023	071-803	Paso Del Norte Charter District	04/03/
DA13-006	043-910	Plano ISD	08/06/
DA12-033	068-801	Richard Milburn Academy (Ector County)	01/30/
DA13-032	246-909	Round Rock ISD	07/03/
DA13-004	031-912	San Benito Consolidated ISD	06/17/
DA13-031	240-903	United ISD	07/03/
DA13-013	071-905	Ysleta ISD	07/31/

Total Number of Desk Reviews, Compliance Reviews, and Funding Reviews Open as of August 31, 2014 = 23

Schedule of Closed Correspondence Investigations—Attendance						
Review Number	County- District Number	District Name	Final Mailed	Preliminary Adjustment	Final Adjustment	Percentage of Adjustment
CC14-002	091-903	Denison ISD	4/11/2014	\$0	\$0	
CC13-003	108-801	Ignite Public Schools and Community Service Center	10/1/2013	\$0	\$0	
Total Numb	per of Closed (Correspondence Investigation	ns = 2	\$0	\$0	

Schedule of Closed Attendance Special Investigations					
Review Number	District District Name Final		Final Mailed	Final Adjustment	
SI13-001	101-822	Jamie's House Charter School	05/08/2014 (\$1,128,		
Total N	Total Number of Closed Attendance Special Accreditation Investigations for 2013–2014 = 1 (\$1,128,790)				

Schedule of Closed Closeout Reviews—Charter Schools						
Review Number	County- District Number	District Name	Final Mailed	Preliminary Adjustment	Final Adjustment	Percentage of Allocation
CO14-001	101-852	Juan B. Galaviz Charter School	7/15/2014	(\$523,127)	(\$523,127)	100%
Total Number of Closed Closeout Reviews = 1				(\$523,127)	(\$523,127)	

Schedule of Open Special Accreditation Investigations – Student Attendance				
County- District Number	District Name	Amounts Questioned	Status	
057-811	Children First Academy of Dallas	(\$1,549,486)	Prelim: 7/16/2014	
108-910	Progreso ISD	(\$1,808,752)	Prelim: 6/25/2014	
Total Numb of August 33	er of Attendance Special Accreditation Investigations Open as 1, 2014 = 2	(\$3,358,238)		

Schedule of Closed Special Accreditation Investigations and Fiscal Management Reviews					
County- District Number	District Name	On-Site Visit Type	Closed Date	Reclaim	
101-833	La Amistad Love and Learning Academy	SAI	04/04/14	\$844,983	
123-910	Beaumont ISD	SAI	04/01/14	\$0	
101-867					
Total Numb for 2013–20	\$844,983				

Schedule of Open Special Accreditation Investigations					
County- District Number	District Name	Type of Engagemen t	Status		
057-816	AW Brown Fellowship Academy	SAI Desk Review	In progress		
057-811	Children's First Academy 057-811	Onsite SAI	Final Report		
015-908	South San Antonio ISD	SAI Desk Review	Preliminary Report		
057-815	Faith Family Academy of Oak Cliff	SAI Desk Review	In progress		
015-808	John H. Wood 015-808	Onsite SAI	Final Report		
057-804	Texans Can Academies 057-804	SAI Desk Review	In progress		
108-910	Progreso ISD	Onsite SAI	Final report		
Total Numb for 2013–20	er of Open Special Accreditation Investigations 014 = 7				

Schedule of Closed Correspondence Investigations and Fiscal Management Reviews			
Complaint No.	County District Number	District Name	Closed Date
2013-05-125	057-832	Alpha Charter School	5/28/14
2013-01-191	020-901	Alvin ISD	6/27/14
2013-05-030	174-902	Cushing ISD	4/15/14
2014-03-002	079-907	Fort Bend ISD	2/25/2014
2013-11-029	101-912	Houston ISD	4/7/2014
2013-09-165	108-914	La Villa ISD 108-914	10/2/2013
2013-10-011	157-901	Mason ISD	11/3/2014
2014-01-042	101-917	Pasadena ISD	5/9/2014
2013-09-185	227-806	University of Texas Charter School	12/8/2014
2013-09-185	227-819	University of Texas Elementary Charter	12/8/2014
Total Number of Closed Correspondence Investigations and Fiscal Management Reviews = 9			

Schedule of Open Correspondence Investigations and Fiscal Management Reviews				
Complaint No.	County District No.	District Name	Type of Engagement	Status
2013-11-083	101-849	Accelerated Intermediate Academy	Desk Review	In progress
2013-05-131	071-907	Canutillo ISD	Desk Review	In progress
2013-10-065	110-905	Ropes ISD 110-905	Desk Review	In progress
2013-06-070	104-907	Paint Creek 104-907	Desk Review	Final Report
2013-06-150	057-845	UME Preparatory Academy	Desk Review	In progress
Fiscal Mgt. Review	195-901	Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD	Onsite	Final Report
Total Number of Open Correspondence Investigations and Fiscal Management Reviews for 2013–2014 = 6				

Schedule of Open Correspondence Investigations transferred to the TEA Office of Investigations and Enforcement			
Complaint No.	County District Number	District Name	
2013-11-056	057-903	Dell City ISD	
2013-10-077	057-906	Desoto ISD	
2013-09-121	018-901	Clifton ISD	
INV2014-04-009	046-902	Comal ISD	
2013-07-143	108-905	Hidalgo ISD	
2013-10-099	101-828	Houston Gateway Academy	
2013-02-191	057-912	Irving ISD	
2014-01-019	240-901	Laredo ISD	
2013-09-165	108-914	La Villa ISD	
2013-11-039	220-818	Prime Prep Academy	
2013-12-013	073-905	Rosebud-Lott ISD	
2013-07-143	108-916	Valley View ISD	
Total Number of Correspondence Investigations transferred = 12			

Superintendent Severance-Payment Agreements				
County-District Number	District	Status	Preliminary Adjustment	Adjustment Amount
071-904	San Elizario	Closed	\$23,471.89	\$23,471.89
232-903	Uvalde Consolidated ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
237-902	Hempstead ISD	Closed	\$75,368.31	\$75,368.31
231-901	McCamey ISD	Closed	\$24,463.13	\$24,463.13
220-910	Lake Worth ISD	Closed	\$69,989.16	\$69,989.16
079-907	Fort Bend ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
053-001	Crockett Co.Consolidated CSD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
150-901	Llano ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
165-902	Greenwood ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
163-902	D'Hanis ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
139-905	Chisum ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
161-921	Connally ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
146-902	Dayton ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
120-901	Edna ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
057-904	Cedar Hill ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
115-902	Sierra Blanca ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
008-902	Sealy ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
070-907	Italy ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
025-909	Early ISD	Pending	\$0.00	\$0.00
099-902	Chillicothe ISD	Closed	\$233.00	\$233.00
045-902	Columbus ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
146-901	Cleveland ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
101-919	Spring ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
108-905	Hidalgo ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
200-904	Winters ISD	Pending	\$0.00	\$0.00
227-907	Manor ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
126-903	Cleburne ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
092-907	Spring Hill ISD	Pending	\$0.00	\$0.00
023-902	Silverton ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
010-901	Medina ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
124-901	Jim Hogg County ISD	Pending	\$0.00	\$0.00
246-904	Georgetown ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
178-908	Port Aransas ISD	Pending	\$0.00	\$0.00
026-901	Caldwell ISD	Pending	\$0.00	\$0.00
013-903	Pettus ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
013-905	Skidmore-Tynan ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00

015-916	Judson ISD	Pending	\$0.00	\$0.00
247-903	La Vernia ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
066-903	Freer ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
227-901	Austin ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
061-903	Pilot Point ISD	Closed	\$0.00	\$0.00
220-905	Fort Worth ISD	Pending	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total			\$193,525	\$193,525