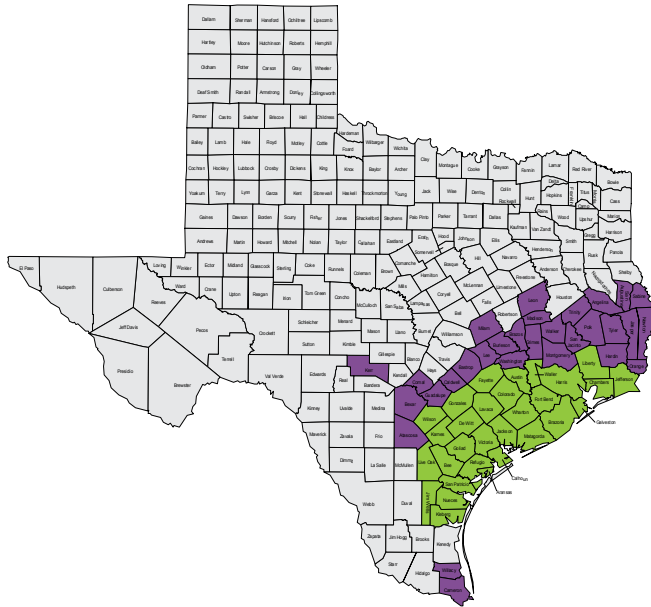


## HURRICANE HARVEY

In August 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall on the Texas coast, bringing damaging winds, extreme flooding and severe property damage to many of our communities. In the months that followed, TEA provided support to school systems in the form of waivers, site visits, and financial and accountability flexibility. To address the mental health needs of students and educators affected by the storm, the Hurricane Harvey Task Force on School Mental Health was established.



■ Initial Disaster Declaration<sup>60</sup>    ■ Subsequent Disaster Declarations<sup>61</sup>

### AGENCY ACTIONS TO SUPPORT DISTRICTS



## SPECIAL EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN

In April 2018, TEA completed work on a comprehensive strategic plan for special education. This plan provides a solid foundation to make meaningful, lasting change in how our state educates and supports children with special needs. The plan is based on input received during one of the agency’s most comprehensive outreach efforts that included town halls, a statewide online survey, focus groups, and one-on-one interviews with parents, students and teachers.<sup>62</sup>

