ID&R RESOURCES FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR

The ID&R Letter to Administrators from the Texas Education Agency was updated for the 2006-2007 school year and remains in effect for the 2010-2011 school year.

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Commissioner

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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Identification and Recruitment of Migrant Students

Federal law requires that the state identify and recruit every eligible migrant student residing in Texas. The Texas Education Agency has assured the U.S. Department of Education that migrant students would be actively recruited year-round in every district in the state. Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, funding to districts operating migrant education programs is based, in part, on the number of migrant students identified.

During the 2006-2007 school year, the Agency will be strengthening quality control measures for the Migrant Education Program, while striving to identify, recruit, and serve every eligible migrant student residing in Texas. The Agency encourages all migrant-funded districts to work cooperatively with their regional education service centers (ESCs) in order to ensure that the Migrant Education Program reaches all eligible migrant children and that the children are properly reported on the New Generation System (NGS) database.

While all districts that receive migrant funds are required to conduct their own identification and recruitment for the program, the twenty regional ESCs are responsible for assisting all non-migrant-funded districts with the identification and recruitment of their migrant children. If your district does not receive migrant funds, the Agency requests that you work collaboratively with your regional ESC to recruit all eligible migrant students residing in your area and to encode the children into the NGS database.

Additionally, please keep in mind that Section 42.005 of the Texas Education Code allows the TEA to adjust the average daily attendance (ADA) of a school district that has a significant percentage of migrant students. The NGS database is a system that may be used to document qualification for the ADA adjustment. Non-migrant-funded districts may contact their regional ESC migrant staff for assistance in utilizing the NGS to provide this documentation.

As always, thank you for your assistance and support of Texas' migrant students. If you would like additional information regarding the identification and recruitment of migrant children, please contact the Migrant Education Program staff either at your regional ESC or at TEA's Division of NCLB Program Coordination at (512) 463-9374.

Sincerely,

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