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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT:

Bidding Procedures for Title I School Improvement Program

Supplemental Educational Services Providers and

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires in Section 1116(e) for Title I campuses identified in Stage 2 or higher of Title I School Improvement to allow parents of eligible students to choose Supplemental Educational Services from any provider on the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) approved list and to enter into an agreement with such provider for the approved supplemental educational services.

The local education agency (LEA) is required to implement the parent's provider selection and complete the contracting process in a timely manner. An LEA contracting for these professional services is not selecting a provider and is not required to follow the procedures under Texas Education Code (TEC) Section 44.031—Purchasing Contracts in order to contract with the provider selected by a parent.

The fees for Supplemental Educational Services providers are delineated in federal NCLB statute.

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