#### Texas Private School Equitable Services Support System

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#### **Agenda**

Integrated System of Support

- State Ombudsman Support
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
   Program Support and Collaborative
   Opportunities
- Capacity Building Initiative Support



#### **State Ombudsman Support**



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Texas Statistics (As of January 2018)

- 1,208 Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)
- 1,022 Independent School Districts (ISDs)
- 20 Education Service Centers (ESCs)
- 185 ISDs reserved funds for Private Nonprofit (PNP) equitable services for one or more Title grant programs
- 480\* Participating PNP schools (\*2015-2016 data)

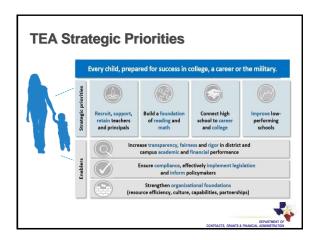


# TEA's PNP Integrated System of Support TEA State Ombudsman PRIPEQUIABLE Services Workgroup Participating Private Nonprofit Schools Capacity Building Initiative LEAs and ESCs

#### **State Ombudsman Support**

- Ensures equitable services requirements are met
- Facilitates statewide training and support
- Disseminates TEA Strategic Priorities to PNP schools





#### **State Ombudsman Support**

- Oversees State monitoring process and procedures
- Monitors State fiscal compliance process
- Addresses formal complaints
- Consults with PNP organizations



#### **State Ombudsman Support**

#### Monitoring

- LEA Self-Assessment of PNP Equitable Services
- Random Validations
- Desk Reviews
  - Part of other program monitoring
  - PNP Equitable Services specific



#### **State Ombudsman Support**

#### **Complaint Process**

- Requires formal submission
- Complainant must document efforts used prior to filing complaint
- Must include supporting documentation
   i.e., correspondence with LEA
- Complaint reviewed by Ombudsman
- Final Ombudsman decision within 45 days



#### **State Ombudsman Support**

- Participates in Title I Committee of Practitioners meetings
- Oversees TEA Private School Equitable Services Workgroup
- Collaborates and coordinates resources with the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC) and Texas Private Schools Association (TPSA)



#### **State Ombudsman Support**

Oversees Project School Emergency Response to Violence (SERV) grants' equitable services to eligible PNP schools

- Ensures equitable support for Texas PNP schools impacted by Hurricane Harvey
- Ensures Local Education Agency (LEA) grantees provide equitable services to eligible PNP schools
- Coordinates with TEPSAC in disseminating guidelines and requirements of Project SERV to eligible PNP schools



#### **State Ombudsman Support**

#### Texas Hurricane Harvey Impacts

- PNP schools impacted
  - Over 300 PNP schools in disaster counties
- Over 200 PNP schools damaged
- Approximately 20 damaged PNP schools served 5,000 or more students
- Services available for PNP Schools thru Project SERV
  - Counseling and mental health services
  - LEA financial support to provide PNP student extended learning opportunities



ESSA Program Support & Collaborative Opportunities



## **ESSA Program Support & Collaborative Opportunities**

- Disseminates directives from Ombudsman
- Provides statewide program training
- Provides technical support to PNPs
  - TEPSAC and TPSA
  - PNP School Officials
  - Parents of PNP students



## **ESSA Program Support & Collaborative Opportunities**

- Provides programmatic support for LEAs and ESCs
- Investigates informal disputes and complaints
- Works collaboratively through TEA Private School Equitable Services Workgroup



#### TEA Private School Equitable Services Workgroup



## TEA Private School Equitable Services Workgroup

#### Membership

- Texas Education Agency Staff
- Private School Representatives
- TEPSAC
- LEAs
- ESCs
- Equal number of LEA and PNP members



## TEA Private School Equitable Services Workgroup

Meetings

Collaboration & coordination of support and resources

- TEA
- TEPSAC
- ESCs
- LEAs
- Capacity Building Initiative



## **TEA Private School Equitable Services Workgroup**

Collaborative Projects

- Fiscal & program monitoring procedures
- Complaints process and procedures
- Guidance documents and resources
- TEPSAC resources
- Capacity Building Initiative



# Title I Capacity Building Initiative



#### **Title I Capacity Building Initiative**

Overview

- Funded by Texas Education Agency
- Implemented by Region 10 Education Service Center
- Resources to support ESCs and LEAs



#### **Title I Capacity Building Initiative**

Supporting Equitable Services for PNPs

- Resources on Compliance
- Resources on Best Practices



## State Ombudsman - Final Thoughts



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