

June 1, 2017

Subject: New Instructional Facility Allotment (NIFA); Online Application for Funding

TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

This letter is to inform you about the

up to \$1,000 per student in average daily attendance (ADA) in  
the first year of operation and up to \$1,000 per each additional  
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Attachment I shows the statutory reference for the NIFA, Attachment II shows the changes made to the statute by HB1081 in the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature and Attachment III shows the current commissioner's rules for the NIFA

- x The new facility must have its own principal or be eligible to receive an accountability rating through standard analysis as described in the most current Accountability Manual.
- x The new facility must have its own assigned instructional staff and instructional program distinct from those for other facilities.
- x The new facility must have its own record of expenditures that is not a sub-set of another school budget and its own attendance data that can be reported for those students assigned to the campus.
- x The new facility must be physically separate from other existing school structures. However, a covered walkway may connect the new facility to another building.

Prohibitions and Restrictions:

- x The facility for which funds are requested cannot be for a program for students enrolled in another public school (summer school, evening school, etc.).
- x The facility cannot be an expansion of existing facilities.
- x The facility cannot be a portable or temporary structure.

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not process a NIFA application until the applicant agrees that certain required conditions apply to the newly constructed site. Moreover, the system assumes that the applicant is the superintendent or the superintendent's authorized designee, and is fully familiar with the pertinent facts. Please be cautious about whom is granted online access, since the information provided in the NIFA application is subject to audit.

TEASE users should first complete the online training modules associated with the NIFA program that are located at the following link:

[http://tea.texas.gov/Finance\\_and\\_Grants/State\\_Funding/Foundation\\_School\\_Program/Foun.1](http://tea.texas.gov/Finance_and_Grants/State_Funding/Foundation_School_Program/Foun.1) (i)9.44 4.2272