This letter is to inform you about the , available to public school districts (districts) and open-enrollment charter schools (charter schools). It describes the allotment, explains the eligibility criteria and application process, and spells out the NIFA payments process.

- The NIFA is a reimbursement program for start-up costs, such as outfitting classrooms with furniture and equipment, for new campuses.
- The NIFA program can provide up to \$1,000 per student in average daily attendance (ADA) in an eligible new campus in the first year of operation and up to \$1,000 per each additional ADA in the second year of operation to help with any start-up costs associated with opening a new campus. The program provides for a statewide total of \$100 million in the 2019-2020 school year, and the amount provided per student depends upon the total amount of awards granted.
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following link: <u>http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter061/ch61cc.html#61.1034</u>. Any adjustments to the rules necessary because of recent legislation will be forthcoming.

Documents required to be uploaded as part of the application include a photograph of the newly built, repurposed or leased instructional facility, a site plan, a floor plan, a demolition plan (if applicable) and a copy of a legal document that clearly describes the nature and dates of construction for new and repurposed facilities, or a copy of the lease for a leased facility. The construction document may be a copy of a contract, certification of project compliance, or