



To the Administrator Addressed

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| DATE: | January 9, 2020 |
| SUBJECT: | Full -Day Prekindergarten Waiver |
| CATEGORY: | Early Childhood Education |
| NEXT STEPS: | Share with appropriate early childhood staff working with prekindergarten programs. |

House Bill (HB) 3001 requires school districts and open-enrollment charters to provide a full-day prekindergarten program to eligible four-year-old children. The commissioner shall exempt a district or open-enrollment charter school if the implementation of a full-day program would require the district or charter school to construct classroom facilities or result in fewer eligible children enrolled in prekindergarten. Full-day prekindergarten waivers are due by March 2, 2020. The agency will review and approve/deny waivers within 30 days of receipt.

Pursuant to the Texas Education Code (TEC) §38(d1), a district or charter school may only receive an exemption if it has solicited and considered a public meeting proposal(s) for partnerships with public or private entities regarding prekindergarten classes. A decision of the board of trustees governing board regarding a partnership is final. An exemption may be granted for a period of up to three school years and may be renewed or extended. Districts or charter schools must ensure

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application and find information on the State Waivers Unit page, https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Schools/Waivers/State_Waivers

The following information will be on the waiver for the district or charter school (LEA) provide to TEA:

- x LEA contact name, phone and email
- x Date of LEA Board Meeting
- x Exemption Condition

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