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For the 2024-2025 school year, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is allowing school systems to update their

January 16, 2025. This means that school systems can continue to try to obtain income eligibility verification forms (or other means of verifying eligibility, including the use of locally developed income verification surveys or other categorical sources of eligibility) for students past the PEIMSFall snapshot date; however, the student must be determined to be eligible on or before October 25, 2024.

TEA is providing this extension due to the changes to the Medicaid participant list and its impact on Direct Certification. Please remember that, although the agency is providing this extension, school systems cannot count students as economically disadvantaged for purposes of the PEIMSFall Submission if those students were not enrolled as of the snapshot date. Also, this extension only applies to the collection of forms or other eligibility documentation associated with the Economically Disadvantaged indicator; the extension does not apply to any other PEIMSFall data elements.

In order for school systems and students to benefit from funding and programs, TEA encourages school systems to ensure the school meal application income eligibility verification forms have been made available to all parents.

For questions, email the Financial Compliance Division at schoolaudits@tea.texas.gov.