

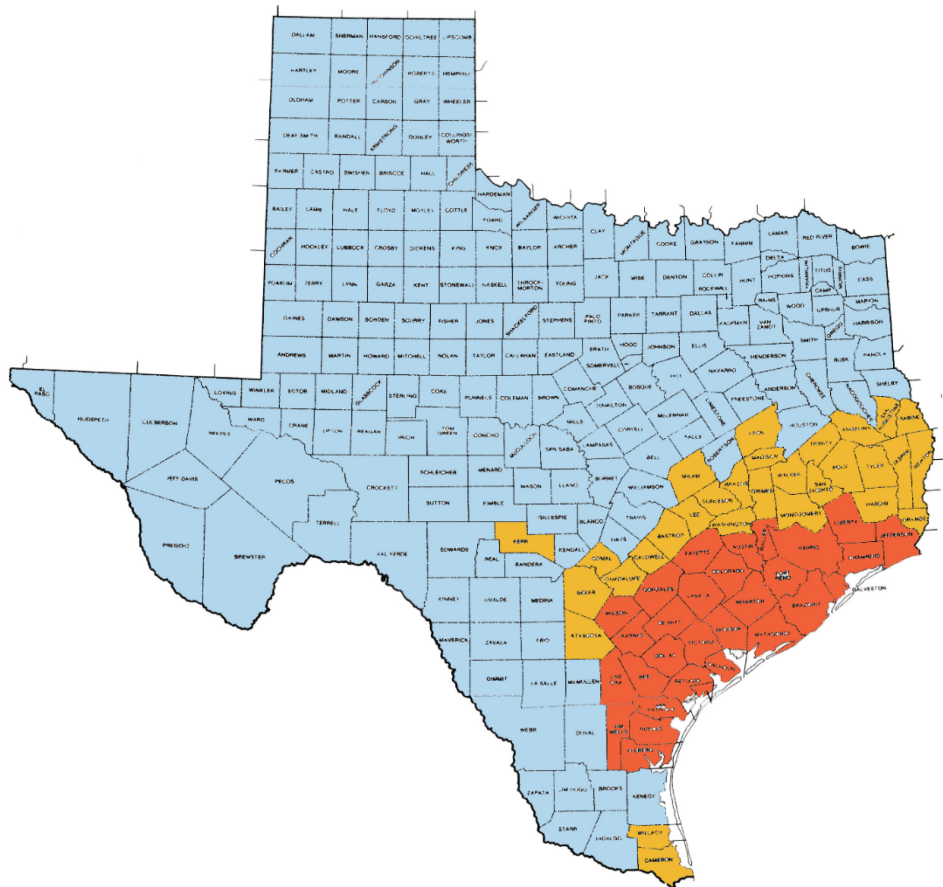


# Hurricane Harvey Response

SUMMARY OF AGENCY ACTIONS AND DISASTER SUPPORT

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, OCT 24 2017

# Hurricane Harvey Impact



■ Initial Disaster Declaration    
 ■ Subsequent Disaster Declarations

## High-level Overview



There are **60 counties** in Gov. Greg Abbott’s state disaster proclamation.

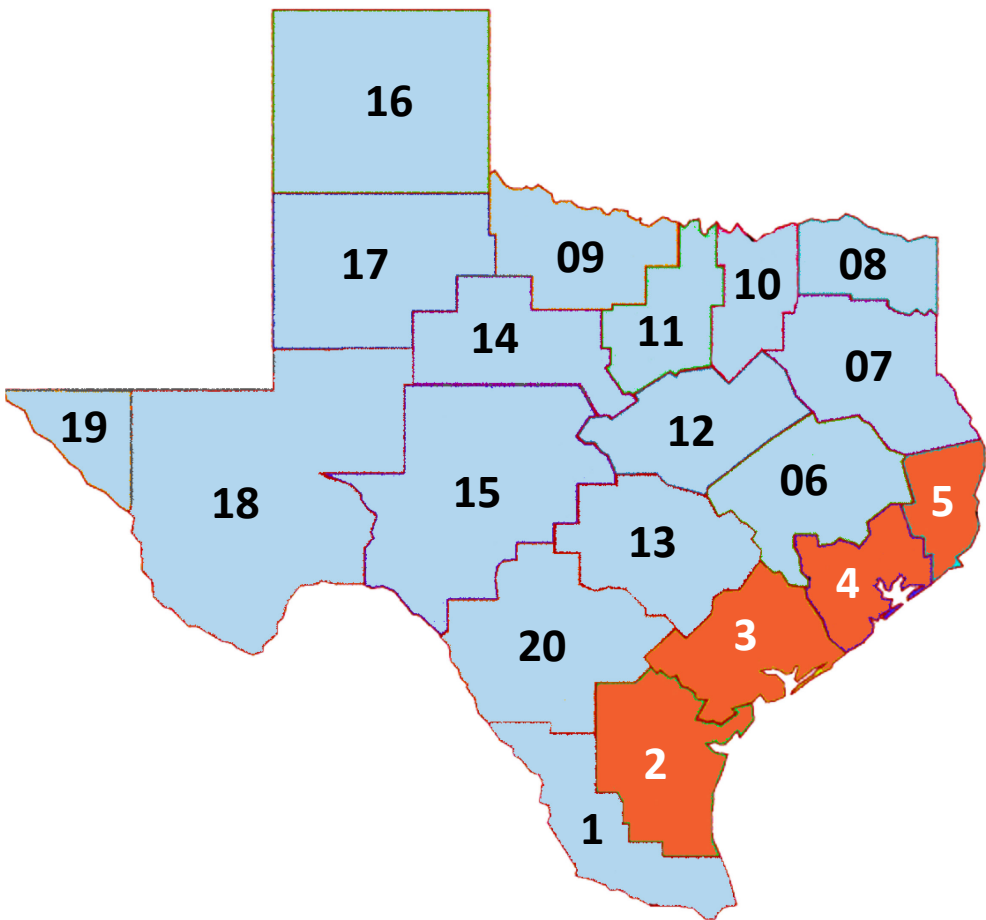


More than **1.9 million students** attend public school within these counties, **1.4 million** of which were directly impacted by the storm.



**All but three** districts in the 60-county area have reopened with some facing longer timelines to resume operation

# Hurricane Harvey Impact



 Education Service Center Regions with Delayed School Openings

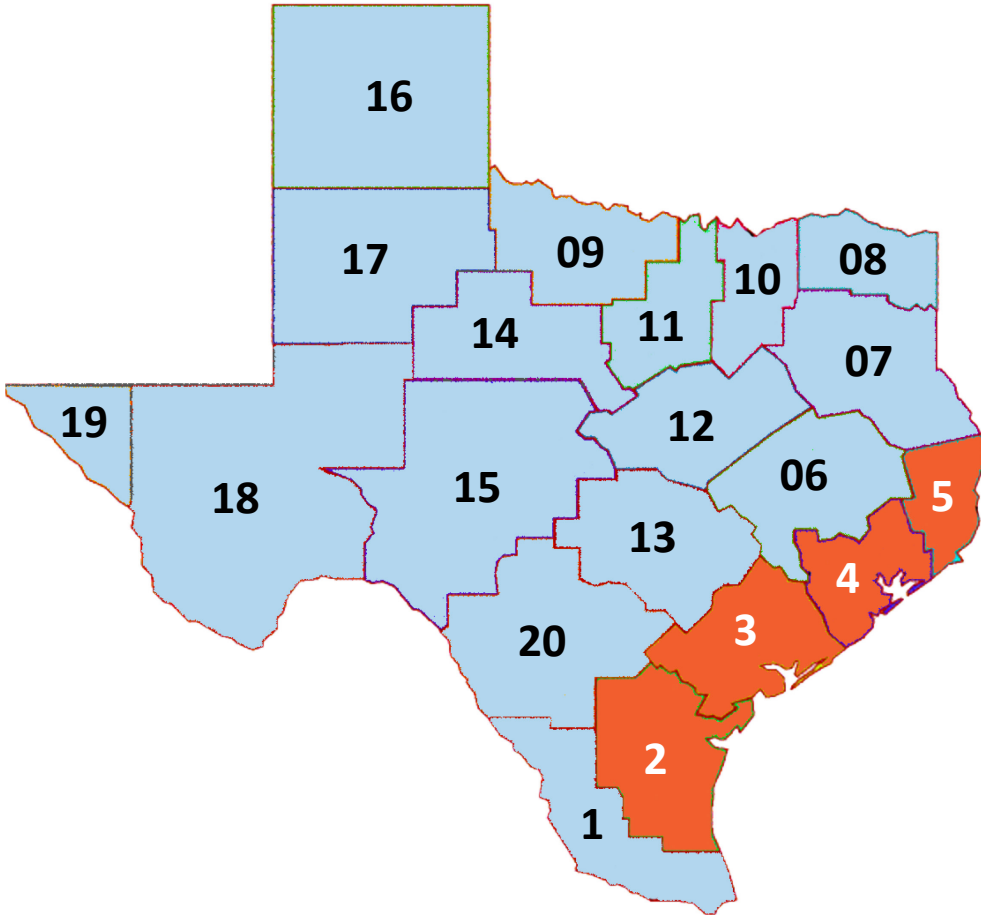


## Districts With Delayed Reopenings

- 1 week delayed  
**61 Districts**
- 2 weeks delayed  
**62 Districts**
- 3 weeks delayed  
**11 Districts**
- 4+ weeks delayed  
**9 Districts**

\* Approximation based on available data

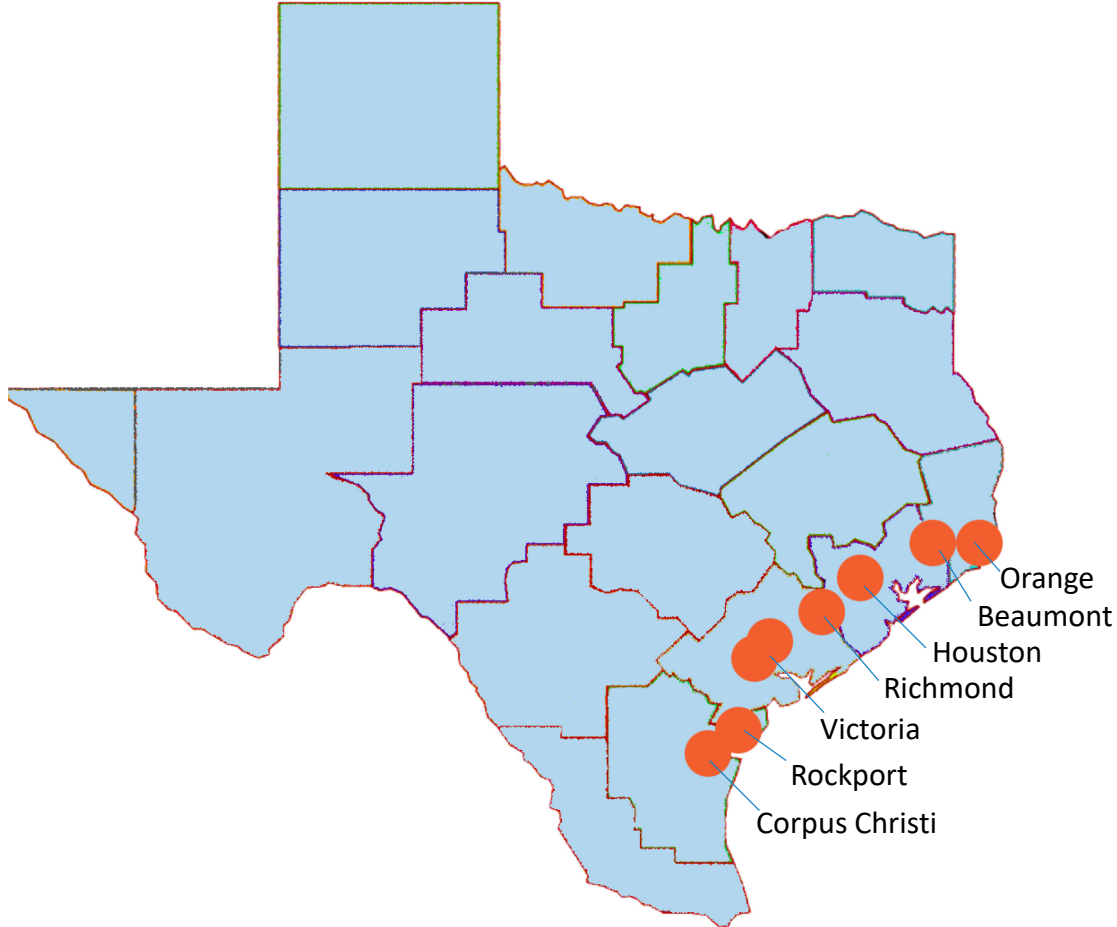
# Schools As Shelters



**Over 100 school and district facilities** were converted to shelters, each holding different amounts of people (some exceeding over 1,500)



Several schools across all affected regions **used their food services** to feed evacuees



## Comprehensive Support

- To date, TEA has issued **28 memos and FAQs** on Harvey issues
- **Coordinated response** from all statewide and federal governmental entities to accelerate recovery and rebuilding, including **daily contact with FEMA**
- **Daily communication** with affected Superintendents, district staff, and ESC directors
- **Traveled in-person** to date: Beaumont, Orange, Corpus Christi, Rockport, Houston, Richmond, and Victoria (x2)

## Official Correspondence To Districts

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- Commissioner's adjustment to ADA for enrollment declines due to Harvey
- Transportation for Students in Hazardous Traffic and High-Risk of Violence Areas
- Transportation for Students Displaced due to Harvey
- TxVSN Additional Course Seats and Reduced Fees
- New Texas Student Data System (TSDS) PEIMS Crisis Codes
- Submitting Crisis Code Data & School Start Date Change in PEIMS
- Reduction of Minimum Days of Service
- Requirements for campuses operating over capacity because of Hurricane Harvey
- Instructional Materials Concerns Related to Hurricane Harvey
- Adjustments for Average Daily Attendance and Funding Issues Due To Harvey
- **FCC E-rate Relief for Affected LEA's**
- Procurement Guidance for Schools Affected by Hurricane Harvey
- Appeal Extension for Preliminary 2016-2017 School and Charter FIRST Ratings
- Extension For Filing Appeals of 2017 Academic Accountability Ratings
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- Hurricane Harvey and impact of federal funds: Guidance, FAQ and waiver requests
- **Additional Missed School Day Waivers Related to Hurricane Harvey**
- Hurricane Harvey Enrollment Guidance
- Hurricane Related Waivers
- Deadline Extensions for the 2016-2017 Tax Information Survey and Staff Salary Data Collection
- **Waiver request to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**
- News from the Department of Grants and Oversight
- STAAR Participation Counts Collection – Extension
- Budget Adoption Information for FY 2017-2018
- DSHS Letter on Immunizations for Displaced Students
- Emergency Procurement under TEC Chapter 44 Subchapter B
- Guidance on Non-competitive Procurement During an Emergency
- Information from the University Scholastic League
- Office of the Governor Hurricane Assistance Information
- U.S. Department of Education Harvey Resources
- Edgenuity Press Release on Hurricane Help

# TEA General Support

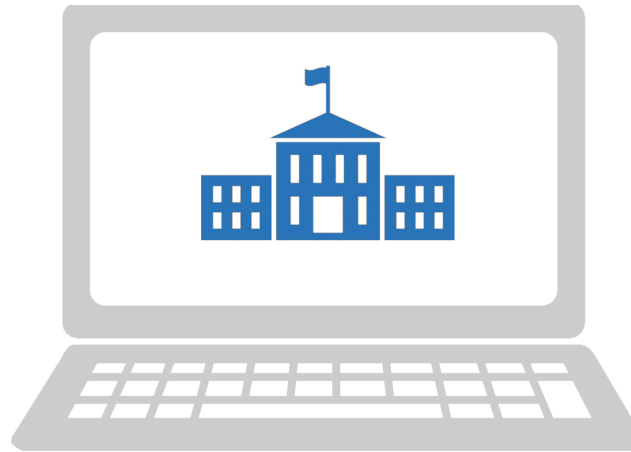
TEA has set up web pages for districts and parents to get more information and answers on how to proceed during this tragedy as well as a general donations page.

## Parent Resource Page



[tea.texas.gov/HarveyParentResources](http://tea.texas.gov/HarveyParentResources)

## District Resource Page



<http://tea.texas.gov/harveyresources>

## Harvey Help Page



<http://tea.texas.gov/harveyhelp>

## Federal McKinney-Vento Act

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TEA advised that students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence meet the definition of homeless **and are allowed to receive:**



Faster access to support



Free and reduced-priced lunch



Transportation services



Automatic admission



Other supports

\*Districts should assess a student's eligibility for McKinney-Vento on a case-by-case basis as the identification lasts the entire year.

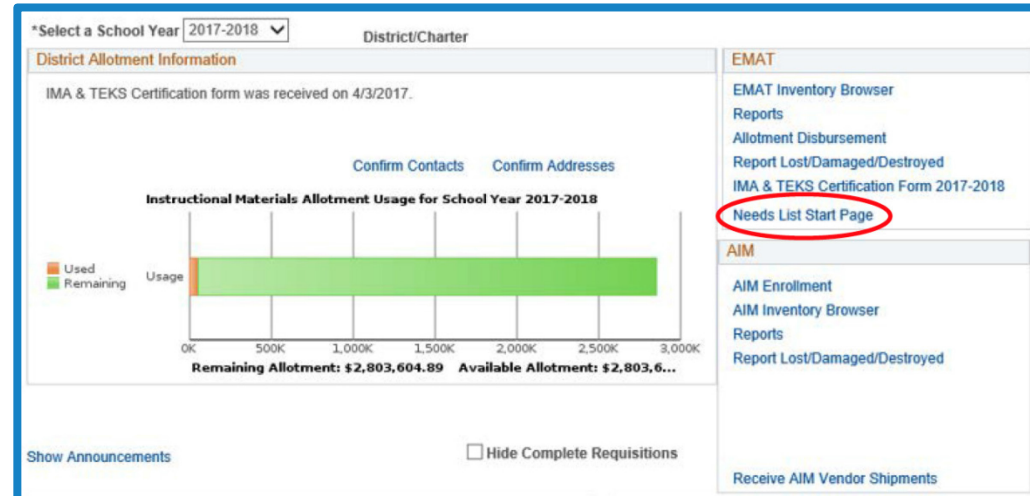


# TEA District Support

## Schools Helping Schools - Donating Extra Instructional Materials

- TEA has set up a process to allow impacted districts to post their instructional materials needs, so that others schools from around the country can help

[tea.texas.gov/Academics/Hurricane\\_Harvey\\_Instructional\\_Materials\\_Assistance](http://tea.texas.gov/Academics/Hurricane_Harvey_Instructional_Materials_Assistance)



# Harvey Funding Implications



## Funding Issues

1. Increased Enrollment Due to Student Displacement in School Year (SY) 2017–2018
2. Loss of Funding due to Student Enrollment Decline in SY 2017-2018
3. Loss of Maintenance and Operations (M&O) property tax revenue in SY 2017-2018
4. Loss of Interest and Sinking (I&S) property tax revenue in SY 2017-2018
5. Loss of M&O property tax revenue in SY 2018-2019
6. Local tax increases to I&S to cover debt service in SY 2018-2019
7. Impact to state facilities funding costs
8. Facilities Damage - Chapter 42 districts and Chapter 41 districts beyond recapture
9. Students newly eligible for State Compensatory Education funds
10. Students Newly Eligible for Pre-K
11. Storm Recovery Costs



## Federal Funding Options

1. FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
2. CDBG – Community Development Block Grant
3. Project SERV – School Emergency Response to Violence
4. Charter - Supplemental funding for charters affected by Harvey
5. Possible Congressional Funding



Please see attached handout for a deep-dive on all Harvey related school finance issues.



# Statutory Issues

## Impact of Current Statutory Authorizations and Limitations



### 1. Operations (Maintenance & Operations)

- ADA hold harmless adjustments
- Property value adjustments
- Funds available vs. appropriations vs. excess FSP
- Cash flow



### 3. Disaster Remediation

- Chapter 41s abate recapture
- Chapter 42s require available funds
- Instructional facilities limitation



### 2. Debt (Interest & Sinking)

- Possible tax increases
- Funds available vs. appropriations



### 4. Other Statutory Issues

- Open meeting constraints
- Certification deadlines (SBEC)
- Transportation & busing