

Mineral Wells ISD
and
Palo Pinto County Special Education SSA
Gordon, Graford, Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto, Santo, Strawn

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Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2018 at 2:00 pm

Dear Private School Administrator and Parents of home school students:

In the 2018-2019 school year, Mineral Wells Independent School District will use a portion of the federal funds it receives under Title 1 for services by children meeting Title 1 eligibility requirements and placed by their parents in a private school located in the boundaries of the District. MWISD engages in a variety of activities to locate, identify, and evaluate children attending a private elementary or secondary school located in the District who meet Title 1 eligibility requirements may receive access to title program services.

Additionally, Palo Pinto County SSA will use a portion of the federal funds it receives under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for special education services by children with disabilities placed by their parents in a private school located in the boundaries of Palo Pinto County. Palo Pinto County SSA engages in a variety of activities to locate, identify, and evaluate children attending a private elementary or secondary school located in Palo Pinto county who are suspected of having one or more of the disabilities covered by IDEA and who, because of the disability, need special education and related services.

To ensure a thorough and complete Child Find process, an accurate count of private and home school children who; reside in the MWISD school boundaries and are eligible to participate in MWISD's title program services; or children who reside in Palo Pinto County and have one or more disability covered by IDEA. To ensure equitable participation by this group of students, MWISD and Palo Pinto County SSA will consult with private school officials and parents of students with a title program eligibility or special education disability. Consultation will take place during the design and development of the title program service or the special education service for eligible students and will include the following areas:

1. Child Find—Consultation regarding the process for Child Find; how children placed by their parents in a private school, located in the District for title services or how children placed by their parents in a private school located in Palo Pinto County for special education services, can participate equitably; and how parents, teachers, and private school officials will be informed of the process.
2. Proportionate Share of Funds—Consultation regarding the proportionate share of federal funds available to provide services to eligible private school students and how the proportionate share was calculated.
3. Consultation Process—Consultation regarding the consultation process among the District, representatives of private schools, and representatives of parents of eligible students, including how the consultation process will operate throughout the school year

to ensure that eligible private school students can meaningfully participate in title programs and special education and related services.

4. Provision of Services—Consultation regarding how, where, and by whom title services, special education, related and other services will be provided to eligible private school students. The consultation will include types of services, including direct services and alternate mechanisms for the delivery of services, how services will be apportioned if the proportionate share of federal funds is insufficient to serve all eligible private school students, and how and when those decisions will be made.
5. Written Explanation of Services—In consultation, the District will advise private school officials that if the District/Parent disagrees with their views regarding the provision of services or the type of services (whether provided directly or through a contract), the MWISD and/or PPCSESSA will provide a written explanation of why it chose not to provide the services directly or through a contract.

The MWISD and Palo Pinto County SESSA has scheduled a meeting to provide information to you and to get your views regarding these issues. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 2:00 pm. It will be held at 906 SW 5th Avenue in the MWISD District Services Complex Conference room. We are excited about the opportunity to work with you as your input is important to MWISD and PPCSESSA as we develop the title and special education and related services that eligible private school students will be designated to participate in during the school year. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please call Natalie Griffin at 940-325-6404 or Parisa Lerma at 940-327-5131.

Sincerely,

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