



TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR THE
GIFTED & TALENTED

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Commissioner Mike Morath
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Commissioner,

The partnership between TEA and Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented (TAGT) is more important than ever as we work to ensure that students identified gifted & talented (G/T) continue to be served under new legislation. We are pleased to see G/T among the 30 important topics the agency will explore in its HB 3 video series.

As TEA creates rules and processes during the implementation phase of House Bill 3, TAGT requests guidance on the following items:

- Per the HB 3 webpage, the G/T video is scheduled to post on August 29. Should we expect proposed rulemaking to be posted at this time? If not, what is the expected timeline on creating of rules regarding Gifted/Talented education changes in HB3?
- What will the certification process entail? This relates to both certifying that Gifted/Talented programs have been established and that programs are consistent with the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students.
- How will districts report regarding use of funds towards providing services to G/T students? What data will they be expected to report?
- Will TEA create the sample district policy regarding the use of funds to support the district's program for gifted and talented students?

Finally, please consider TAGT leadership and members as a resource. We would welcome the opportunity to provide assistance and guidance, that you may require in developing tools and processes, including the aforementioned GT video.

Sincerely,

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