



# REQUEST TO EXTEND THE START OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR TRANSITION BEYOND THE FOUR-WEEK LIMIT

## SECTION I: Requirements

If a school system believes it is best for the health and safety of students and staff to continue to restrict access to on-campus instruction beyond the first four weeks of their 2020-21 instructional calendar, they must submit a board approved waiver request to TEA to extend that transition window, up to four additional weeks. The board must take action to authorize this waiver by specific vote, and cannot otherwise delegate the waiver application to the superintendent. The waiver application must include an indication as to the local public health conditions that the LEA believes would warrant a faster end to the transition period. Teachers, staff, and parents should be consulted about the transition plan before the waiver is submitted. During this transition period, LEAs are still required to allow all students to access on-campus instruction who come from households without internet access or appropriate remote learning devices. During the extended period being requested with this waiver, at least some on-campus instruction must be provided each day. The procedures used by the LEA to limit access to on-campus attendance during this period should be clearly communicated to families in advance.

## SECTION II: Request

District Name: Socorro Independent School District

First Day of School: 8/17/20

Total Additional Weeks Requested (beyond the initial four weeks for transition): 4

**Explain what local public health conditions that would cause you to end the transition period faster, so that all students have access to on-campus instruction. As an example: the most recent weekly count of COVID-19 cases is lower than the prior week in the county, and test positivity rate in the county is under 10%.**

The Socorro Independent School District will continue to work closely with Dr. Hector Ocaranza-Flores, the city and county of El Paso's health authority to guide our safe transition to on-campus instruction. Specifically, a rolling seven-day average positivity rate below 7.5 percent, a downward trend in the new cases daily curve, and the daily total of new COVID-19 cases to be less than 25 per 100,000.

## SECTION III: Attestation/Signatures

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| District Name                       | Board Approval Date |
| Socorro Independent School District | 7/21/20             |

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| Board President Name | Superintendent Name |
| Cynthia Ann Najera   | Jose Espinoza, Ed.D |

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| Board President Signature | Superintendent Signature |
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*With the submission of this form, the district attests that teachers, staff, and parents were consulted about the transition plan before the waiver was submitted.*

Submit completed request forms to: [waivers@tea.texas.gov](mailto:waivers@tea.texas.gov)

**Request must be submitted prior to the end of the initial four-week transition**