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**McAllen Independent School District  
Student Funding Allotment**

**Current School Funding Model:**

State funding, as calculated with Texas Education Agency is based on Average Daily Attendance (ADA), District Tax Effort and Available School Fund. The allotment per student, if present every day, is \$6,160. Regular allotment is further reduced by the District’s tax effort.

For example, based on our fiscal year 2022-2023 projections: regular allotment net of Tax Effort and Available School Fund totals \$54,467,586. Calculation is based on a 92% attendance rate of our projected enrollment.

**Proposed School Funding Model:**

We propose that school funding be based on enrollment versus ADA. This could be determined at snapshot date, currently the last Friday in the month of October or any other pre-determined date.

**Why?**

Texas is one of only 6 states that currently funds based on attendance including California, Idaho, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Missouri. The pandemic has exemplified the need for stability in the funding model. Most District’s attendance rates have not recovered to pre-pandemic numbers. Additionally, all resources and overhead expenditures remain constant if a classroom has 20 students or 18 students. Districts have extreme pressure to provide appropriate staff compensation increases.

For our District alone, the increase in projected state funding is approximately \$9 million; providing for the ability to recruit and retain quality staff to continue to provide excellent services to our students.

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