

December 9, 2020

Judge Chris Hill
Collin County Commission
2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 4192
McKinney, TX 75071

Dear Judge Hill and Collin County Commissioners:

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic response, school districts in your county, Collin County, have been working tirelessly to provide an outstanding education to our collective students while maintaining a safe learning environment for our students and a safe workplace for our staff.

The authors of this letter represent 185,273 students and 24,304 employees in Collin County. These K-12 school systems, the school districts you represent, have rapidly redesigned the education system to include quality remote instruction and put health and safety protocols in place at great expense to the local districts. Our districts have requested reimbursement for all eligible COVID-related expenses allowed by TDEM or FEMA; however, as you see below, the reimbursements granted leave millions of dollars spent by local districts with no relief in sight.

The reopening of schools is a key factor in reviving the Collin County economy and maintaining the financial recovery of each community. Support for providing relief to school districts for these unanticipated expenditures represents a commitment from our County to the economic recovery of all of Collin County.

Collin County District COVID Costs to Date			
DISTRICT	# STUDENTS ENROLLED	# EMPLOYEES	COVID-19 EXPENSES INCURRED TO DATE UNCOVERED BY OTHER RELIEF
Allen ISD	21,671	2,975	\$2,322,570
Celina ISD	2,984	427	\$104,243
Frisco ISD	63,494	8,010	\$1,835,000
Lovejoy ISD	4,218	600	\$1,355,565
McKinney ISD	23,375	2,897	\$742,142
Plano ISD	50,299	7,036	\$3,316,790
Prosper ISD	19,232	2,359	\$1,452,799
TOTAL	185,273	24,304	\$11,129,109

In order for your public school systems to stay strong and continue to deliver the excellent instruction to students known to attract residents to this County, we need your help. We ask that you provide CARES Act funding that has not already been designated to help other local businesses to your school districts to offset eligible COVID costs incurred as businesses. These costs were not included in our respective budgets and positive action by the County would help minimize the impact of COVID-19 on school district budgets.

Your local ISD's have moved mountains to open schools safely. We are an integral part of the economic success of the County, and we are collectively one of the largest employers in the County. We ARE a business, and believe that we have a right to ask for support from our County to access CARES-Act funds that are designed to provide exactly the relief we are requesting.

Sincerely,

- Dr. Robin Bullock, Superintendent, Allen ISD
- Dr. Tom Maglisceau, Superintendent, Celina ISD
- Dr. Mike Waldrip, Superintendent, Frisco ISD
- Dr. Mike Goddard, Superintendent, Lovejoy ISD
- Dr. Rick McDaniel, Superintendent, McKinney ISD
- Ms. Sara Bonser, Superintendent, Plano ISD
- Dr. Holly Ferguson, Superintendent, Prosper ISD



- Cc: County Commissioner Duncan Webb
County Commissioner Susan Fletcher
County Commissioner Darrell Hale
County Commissioner Cheryl Williams