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Dear Chairman Patrick & Senate Education Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the **implementation of Senate Bill 6** as well as rules developed by the Texas Education Agency since the 82<sup>nd</sup> legislative session.

The Fast Growth School Coalition which represents the 100 fastest growing school districts in Texas is very pleased with the work we have been able to accomplish alongside the TEA and the Commissioner of Education.

As a result of this collaboration, language has been added within Chapter 66 §66.1309 regarding a “high-enrollment growth adjustment.” This adjustment allows for increased funding for fast growth districts through the instructional materials allotment as well as additional funding for unforeseen circumstances through an application process.

We do not have any recommendations for changes or adjustments at this time but will continue to monitor the performance of the instructional materials allotment as it applies to our Coalition member districts.

We appreciate the State’s willingness to support fast growth districts which currently make up almost 85% of student enrollment growth in Texas and we look forward to working with the Committee in the future.

Sincerely,

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The Fast Growth School Coalition (FGSC), begun in 1996, is a grassroots organization of school districts interested in finding legislative solutions that help districts cope with the financial and structural demands of their rapidly expanding populations.

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