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RE: Response to Slide 14 of TEA presentation at the March 17, 2022 Commission on Special Education Funding Meeting

Thank you for your service on this very important committee. The first meeting was very informative and raised many important issues for you to consider.

During a portion of TEA's presentation, we believe some vital information was

year progresses. It is our strong belief that small and mid-sized schools do hold expenditures in PIC 99; therefore, it is important to analyze statistics using these allocated expenditures.

4. Consideration 4: Transportation - Transportation and transportation related issues occur differently in small and mid-sized districts than in larger districts. Small and mid-sized districts typically do not have routes/buses solely dedicated for special education purposes and the expenditure is not coded as a special education expenditure. Likewise, transportation aides on buses typically are not coded to special education expenditures even though the aide is most likely to be on the bus to supervise the special education student.
5. Consideration 5: SHARS expenditures may not be reflected in expenditures of small and mid-sized districts due to the



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