



## To the Administrator Addressed

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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>September 17, 2020</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Change to Close of 2020-21 School-Start Window</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>Data Reporting</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Share with PEIMS reporting staff and administrators</b>

This letter announces a change to the 2020-21 school-start window for returning students.

The 2020-21 school-start window for returning students is extended and remains open through Friday, October 30, 2020. The extension of the window is effective statewide to accommodate local education agencies that have opened late because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Students served in the prior year must return to school by the end of the school-start window to not be considered leavers.

Extending the school-start window requires the following change to the *2020-2021 Texas Education Data Standards* General Reporting Requirements for the StudentExtension Complex Type:

**PEIMS Fall Submission:**

The PEIMS Fall snapshot (as-of) date is the last Friday in October.

The school-start window extends from the first day of school through **October 30, 2020** ~~the last Friday in September~~.

Please submit questions regarding TSDS PEIMS data reporting requirements to the TSDS Incident Management System (TIMS), which is available within the TSDS portal. Please direct questions regarding the school-start window to the Research and Analysis Division at (512) 475-3523 or [research@tea.texas.gov](mailto:research@tea.texas.gov).