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September 28, 2018

Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter. Below you will find updates from federal, state and local agencies on events from this week.

On Tuesday, the Commission on Public School Finance met to hear my presentation of Recommendations from the Expenditures Working Group, which I chaired. We had great discussion about the included items and I look forward to hearing from the Revenues Working Group soon.

FEMA announced they are providing Humble ISD with more than \$5.8 million in federal grants, in response to Hurricane Harvey and the actions of the district. These much-needed dollars will greatly assist HISD in addressing the many funding issues left behind after the flood.

Next Wednesday, October 3rd, at 1:18 PM CDT, FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) and Emergency Alert System (EAS). The WEA portion of the test commences at 1:18 p.m. CDT, and the EAS portion follows at 1:20 p.m. CDT. The test will assess the operational readiness of the infrastructure for distribution of a national message and determine whether improvements are needed.

Should you have questions regarding anything in this newsletter, please feel free to contact us directly using the information provided at the bottom of this email.

Sincerely,



October 2018 Calendar

Download my October 2018 calendar by clicking the link below. This month is full of events in and around Texas that could be fun or useful to you and your family! This new format allows you to save the document for printing or sending to your family members.



[Click Here to View and Download This Month's Calendar!](#)

Hurricane Harvey Updates

FEMA grants more than \$5.8 million to Humble ISD



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded more than \$5.8 million to the Humble Independent School District for emergency protective measures taken before, during and following Hurricane Harvey.

The district secured the campus facilities, opened an Emergency Operations Center, placed barricades, directed traffic and pumped flood water from the facilities. The FEMA grant covers 100 percent of the project's costs because the district completed their work within 30 days of the disaster declaration period.

This grant comes from FEMA's Public Assistance grant program which reimburses communities for actions taken in the immediate response to and during recovery from a disaster. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations.

FEMA's Public Assistance grant program provides project funding directly to the state for disbursement to the applicants. Eligible applicants for Public Assistance grants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations.

For additional information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332, Facebook at www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at www.twitter.com/FEMARegion6 or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at www.dps.texas.gov/dem/.

Public Comment Period for Harris County & City of Houston Plans Ends Oct. 6th

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) is the state administrator for the \$5.024 billion in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds (CDBG-DR) provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Hurricane Harvey Recovery.

Per HUD requirements, a grantee must publish the substantial amendment to its previously approved action plan for disaster recovery in a manner that affords citizens, affected local governments, and other interested parties a reasonable opportunity to examine the amendment's contents and provide feedback. The manner of publication must include, at a minimum, prominent posting on the grantee's official website for public comment.

[Click here to read the Amendment](#)

Amendment 1 Information: The GLO has posted the local plans for Harris County and the City of Houston as Amendment 1 to the State Action Plan for the federally mandated 30-day comment period. The amendment includes the two local plans detailing the distribution and eligible uses of \$2.3 billion in Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements as outlined in the [Federal Register](#) posted on February 9, 2018.

The amendment has been posted for public review and comment on the GLO's website for 30 days. **All comments should be submitted to cdr@glo.texas.gov by 5:00 p.m. on October 6, 2018, to be considered.** The GLO will respond to public comments before the amendment is sent to HUD for final approval.

October 3rd: Nationwide Test of Emergency Alert System

New Date: Nationwide Wireless Emergency Alert Test

Will now be held on backup date of
Oct. 3, 2018 beginning at 2:18 p.m. EDT

Your phone will make a loud tone.



Updates from Austin

Public School Finance Commission Working Group Presents Expenditures Recommendations

On Tuesday, the Commission on Public School Finance met to hear Recommendations from the Expenditures Working Group, which Rep. Huberty chaired. He presented the 22 Recommendations and the members gave thoughtful feedback on the issues discussed but no action was taken by the commission as a whole. At this time, the Commission is not scheduled to meet until after the Revenues Working Group convenes to approve their recommendations. You can view the entire meeting at: http://tlcsenate.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=44&clip_id=13571

The Recommendations Presentation can be viewed in full by clicking the image below.

Texas Commission on Public School Finance
Expenditures Working Group Recommendations
September 25, 2018

Comptroller's Office Now Accepting Applications for Match the Promise Scholarships and Tuition Grants



Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminded Texans this week that applications are now being accepted for 2018-19 Texas Match the Promise FoundationSM awards. The foundation, in cooperation with the Comptroller's office, encourages Texas families to save for college by offering competitive matching scholarships and tuition grants to Texas students who are beneficiaries of a Texas Tuition Promise Fund[®] (TTPF) account, the state's prepaid college tuition plan.

Match the Promise scholarships are awarded in the form of TTPF tuition units. Approved recipients can receive matching scholarships of tuition units worth up to \$1,000 at today's prices, while top-scoring recipients also can receive one-time grants of tuition units worth \$2,000 at today's prices. "During the 2017-18 school year, the foundation approved Match the Promise scholarships for 62 students," Hegar said. "We're excited about awarding new matching scholarships and tuition grants to children who represent this state's future."

Fifth- through ninth-graders who have a TTPF account and whose families have annual incomes of \$100,000 or less can apply for the matching scholarships and tuition grants through Dec. 31, 2018. To be considered for an award, students must write a career essay and meet other requirements.¹ Complete details can be found at MatchThePromise.org or by calling 800-531-5441, ext. 3-7570. Families also can enroll in TTPF during the scholarship application period if they haven't already done so.² TTPF allows families to purchase prepaid tuition units at today's prices for tomorrow's tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities. Get more information at TuitionPromise.org.

Match the Promise is funded by individuals who have donated the cash value of property held in the state's unclaimed property program, as well as by donations from individuals, businesses and organizations and by state employees through the State Employee Charitable Campaign. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt public charity and is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.

Secretary of State Reminds Texans to Register to Vote by October 9th Deadline



Sec. Pablos Reminds Texans To Register To Vote By Oct. 9th

Texas Secretary of State Rolando Pablos reminded all eligible Texans to register to vote by October 9th and to make all necessary preparations to be able to cast a ballot in the upcoming November 6 General Election.

[Read more](#)

www.sos.texas.gov

Constituent Resources

Need Assistance?

Our office is always ready to assist you. Call or email us and we will do our best to help. Many State Agencies also have hotlines or citizen assistance offices to assist you. That contact information is available at this link, in alphabetical order:

<http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm>

Live Updates

All of the relevant information our office has gathered during the week will be posted to our Facebook page. By "liking" us, you will stay up-to-date about important matters across the state that affect you and your family. Click below to find our page.



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