

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this correspondence as notice that Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) is not subject to the disclosure requirements of Chapter 176, Local Government Code and is not required to complete a *Conflict of Interest Questionnaire* (CIQ).

According to Section 176.002 (b) (1), "a person is not subject to the disclosure requirements of this chapter if the person is: (1) a state, a political subdivision of a state, the federal government, or a foreign government...". HCDE, like school districts, is a political subdivision of the state of Texas. Therefore, we are exempt from this requirement.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jesus J. Amezcua, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, at 713-696-1371 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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