

Manvel Public School

Inspiring 21st Century Learners to Influence 22nd Century Successes



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Good morning,

Thank you for the incredibly difficult task you are undertaking with the funding of K-12 education. I can't imagine how difficult the idea of finances and equity can be for all of you.

In HB 1388 it appears that Manvel Public School, as a transition maximum school, could see their weighting factors decrease if this legislation is approved as it is currently written. On page 6, part 3, starting on line 18 states, "The superintendent of public instruction shall impute an average daily membership for each school district that does not include a high school and ensure the imputed average daily membership to determine the school district size weighting factor under this section. To determine the imputed average daily membership, the superintendent of public instruction shall divide the school district's average daily membership by .60. The superintendent of public instruction shall adjust the school district size weighting factor for each school district that does not include a high school by multiplying the school district size weighting factor determined under subsection 2 by ninety-two percent."

In the 2020-21 school year our average ADM was 171.21, line 7 of our worksheet, and if divided by .6 that would give us an imputed average daily membership of 285.35. Our weighting factor would then be 1.15 according to line 17 on page 5 of this bill. The legislation continues on page 6, line 23, to state that, "the superintendent of public instruction shall adjust the school district weighting factor for each school that does not include a high school by multiplying the school district size weighting factor determined under subsection 2 by ninety-two percent." With that direction our weighting factor would then be 1.058, considerably less than the 1.17 weighting factor we have been working with since 2015-16.

Assuming our deductions for being a transition maximum school as well as the deductions for contributions from property tax and other local revenue had stayed the same, we would have had \$221,494.52 less revenue in state aid had our district had to work with this formula in 2020-21.

I would appreciate a review of part 3, lines 18 through 26 of HB 1388.

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