

TULOSO-MIDWAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 4, 2020

Corpus Christi Mayor and Councilmembers
1201 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

On July 17, 2020, the Chairs of the Texas Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees announced targeted eLearning funding of \$200 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Coronavirus Relief Funds to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to enable remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic for Texas students that lack connectivity or devices. As a result, local education agencies were eligible for fund matching of 50% of expenditures incurred through the statewide bulk purchasing Operation Connectivity program for Chromebooks and Hotspots. TEA recently announced it will increase its funding match dollar for dollar of local Corona Relief Funds up to 25% from the local City or County.

Tuloso-Midway ISD has various students in our District who still do not have internet connectivity and chose to participate in Operation Connectivity. The District purchased 400 hotspots to meet the needs of our students. The total cost for the hotspots was \$72,000 with TEA and the District each contributing \$36,000 toward the purchase. The District would like to formally and respectfully request that the City of Corpus Christi contribute \$18,000 (25%) from local Corona Relief Funds toward our purchase. As TEA has announced it will match dollar for dollar, this would allow the District to be reimbursed for the \$36,000 it contributed toward the purchase. Reimbursement would allow us to use those funds to purchase other much needed COVID-19 related items in our District as we still have many more needs and unforeseen expenditures.

We know that these are trying times and we would not be able to do it without support from our state and local leaders. Together we can do what we need for our community and most importantly our children. We appreciate your time and consideration to this matter.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further you can contact me directly at (361) 903-6411 or at pcarroll@tmisd.us.

Sincerely,



Philip Carroll
Business Manager