

## Texas Education Agency Review Process for Local Grievance Process

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### Statutory Requirement

State law gives local education agencies, including school districts and charter schools, significant autonomy and authority. The Texas Education Code (TEC) Section 11.1511 establishes specific powers and duties of the board of trustees. Section 11.151(b) states that “All powers and duties not specifically delegated by statute to the agency or the State Board of Education are reserved for the trustees, and the agency may not substitute its judgment for the lawful exercise of those powers and duties by the trustees.” By state law, “the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-

If you did not receive the relief requested at Level Two or if the time for a response has expired, you may appeal the decision to the school board. The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District or Charter (if required by local policy). You should include your original complaint form and all other documents you had submitted and received at Level One and Level Two. You may also include any other supporting documentation relating to your complaint.

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Should you have additional questions regarding the procedures for filing a local grievance, please feel free to contact the TEA's Complaints Management Team at [complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov](mailto:complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov)

#### Appeal to the Commissioner of Education

If after exhausting the local grievance process (Levels One-Three) you are still aggrieved by the school