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**To:** [TISA Rules](#)  
**Cc:** [Victor Evans](#)  
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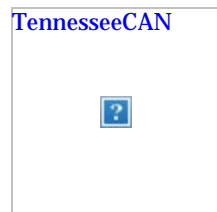
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Hello,

Attached to this email you will find our response to the draft rules regarding Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA). Let us know if you have any questions.

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Please see the attached notes from a meeting of Northwest region Superintendents on June 24, 2022 to discuss feedback on the TISA proposed rules. I took notes on behalf of the group during this meeting and am submitting them as public comment at their request.



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Please find attached formal feedback from the Dyslexia Advisory Council collected at the most recent advisory meeting. Please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you,

Jennifer



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Good morning,

I am sharing SCORE's feedback on the proposed TISA rule in the attached memo. This memo outlines key aspects of the proposed TISA rule – primarily related to outcome bonuses, direct allocations for charter schools, and expenditure reporting. Overall, we are excited about the potential for TISA to improve student achievement, and we believe strong rules will contribute to strong implementation moving forward!

Best,

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Good afternoon,

The staff of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission want to thank the Tennessee Department of Education for promoting and encouraging public comment on these proposed rules.

Attached is the public comment from the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission regarding the proposed TISA Rules. These comments reflect the considerations of Commission staff after several discussions throughout the Summer.

Thank you for this opportunity,

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Jack,

At your convenience, can you please address a few questions for me relating to TISA?

### Questions

1. In previous guidance (a slide deck on the DoE website titled "Discussion with Directors of Schools"), the DoE indicated that it estimated there to be 322,073 students who would qualify as being "economically disadvantaged" under TISA. What is the underlying basis for this estimate (what data source) and is that number still an accurate estimate in your view?
2. In previous guidance (a slide deck on the DoE website titled "Discussion with Directors of

Schools”), the DoE indicated that it estimated there to be 652,039 students who would qualify as living in “areas of concentrated poverty” under TISA. What is the underlying basis for this estimate (what data source) and is that number still an accurate estimate in your view?

3. In previous guidance (a slide deck on the DoE website titled “Discussion with Directors of Schools”), the DoE indicated that it estimated there to be 326,549 students who would qualify as living in “sparsely populated communities” and “small school districts” under TISA. What is the underlying basis for this estimate (what data source) and is that number still an accurate estimate in your view?
4. In previous guidance (a slide deck on the DoE website titled “Discussion with Directors of Schools”), the DoE indicated that it estimated there to be 288,072 students who would qualify for one (1) or more unique learnings needs under TISA. What is the underlying basis for this estimate (what data source) and is that number still an accurate estimate in your view?
5. Related to the above, has the DoE modeled an estimate of the combined ULN weighting that will apply to the students who are expected to qualify for one (1) or more unique learnings?
6. Has the DoE created a model by which it is estimating funding may be curtailed under T.C.A. 49-3-108(f)? Please share the model and help me understand the math.
7. Please send me a copy of the TISA calculator that was sent to Knox County as an example of what has been distributed to districts across the state. It is my understanding that this model would have been pre-filled with the inputs that would be applied during the first year of TISA implementation. Is this correct?
8. How much of a “haircut” do you anticipate will be required in the first year of TISA implementation per T.C.A. 49-3-108(f)? 5%? 10%? 50%?

Based on a calculator I created to model potential outcomes, I am concerned that communications to date may be causing most districts to overestimate the funds they will be receiving under TISA. While I realize that it will not be possible to perfectly predict these outcomes in future years, it is my understanding (based on material published by the DoE) that we should have sufficient information to at least accurately estimate funding by district for the first year of TISA implementation (namely because it is based on prior year data that is available to us now).

Thank you for all the work you are doing on TISA and otherwise.

Regards,  
JM

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Good morning Tisa,

I am a parent of a child that will be attending 9th this year, but we are gearing towards homeschooling. Can you please advise me on what the requirements will be for us to move forward?

Thank you in advance,

Dorine Zak Farmer

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Just making sure these are captured.



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Sara,

Thanks so much for sharing this feedback with us—we appreciate you sending it along, and please pass along our thanks to Chairlady Hartgrove and Vice-Chair Eby. Yes, in the future please continue to send feedback as you have it, and if you could copy the TISA public comment email ([TISA.Rules@tn.gov](mailto:TISA.Rules@tn.gov)) that would be great.

Thanks, and have a great weekend.



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All,  
I will be sending SBE member feedback as I receive it. Attached here are comments from Bob and Lillian, received this week. Let me know if I should copy the TISA email and/or include anyone else on future submissions.

Thanks!  
Sara

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Good Morning,  
Please accept the attached TISA rulemaking feedback letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Christy,

As promised, attached are the comments I sent previously with a few additional comments from both Sara and I after further review.

Please let us know if you have any questions!

Best,

Angie

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Hi Christy,

Attached please find initial feedback and edits on the TISA rules from me and a few from Sara. Sara and Nathan have not yet had time to get through the full document so they may be following up next week with additional thoughts, but wanted to get you what I had before I left for vacation.

Happy to discuss further once I return.

Thanks!

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