



Windham School District

Schools in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

October 9, 2024

Mr. Eric Beverly, Executive Director
Sunset Advisory Commission
Robert E. Johnson Building, 6th Floor
1501 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Mr. Beverly:

Windham School District (Windham) is grateful for the thorough and insightful review of the district's unique organizational structure, programs and processes. The Windham team was impressed by the professionalism and capability of the Sunset Advisory Commission's (Commission) staff and enjoyed working together throughout the review.

The process gave Windham the valuable opportunity to reflect on successes and opportunities for improvement, and the district is pleased with the evaluation and recommendations. Windham is committed to continuing and enhancing collaboration with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and successfully addressing any identified recommendations in the Staff Report involving the district. Windham appreciates the unwavering support of TDCJ's Executive Director, Bryan Collier, who has contributed substantially to the district's achievements and success.

Windham would like to address one issue identified by the Staff Report: the recommendation to direct the district to develop and adopt a rule review plan and submit that plan to the Windham Board of Trustees (board). Following review of the report, Windham provided the board with a rule review plan and a schedule to review Windham's two rules beginning in December, 2024. It is important to note that neither of Windham's rules regulates private affairs – one rule involves the internal organization and operation of the board, and the other describes the process to provide public presentations and comments at board meetings. The review will consider whether the reasons for adopting the rules continue to exist.

Thank you again for the review performed by the Commission's impressive staff. We look forward to working with the Commission through the remainder of the review process.

Sincerely,

Kristina J. Hartman, Ed.S.
Superintendent
Windham School District