

Decision

DOCKET NO. 008-R10-10-2022

IN RE GLADEWATER INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BEFORE THE  
COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

**DECISION OF THE COMMISSIONER**

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

Petitioner Gladewater Independent School District filed a letter request asking the Texas Commissioner of Education to extend its deadline to install a video camera requested by a parent for a special education classroom. Petitioner requests the extension based on a three-month delay in obtaining necessary recording equipment. Petitioner notified all interested parties of its request, and none have objected or appeared. There has been no request for an expedited review. The Commissioner finds that the installation delay is not due to Petitioner's lack of due diligence and that it is reasonable to grant Petitioner's requested extension.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

After due consideration of the record and matters officially noticed, it is concluded that the following Findings of Fact are supported by a preponderance of the evidence:

1. On August 19, 2022 parents of a special education student enrolled with Petitioner requested installation of a video camera in a special education classroom, pursuant to Texas Education Code § 29.022. Petitioner states it had a November 1, 2022 camera installation deadline.
2. Petitioner states that it could not obtain necessary equipment to timely install the requested video camera because of a three-month supply chain delay.
3. Petitioner filed an October 31, 2022 request for extension of time to install the video camera. Petitioner included a list of interested parties that it notified of its requested extension.
4. No interested party has objected to the requested extension or appeared in this case.
5. No request for expedited review has been made.

## DISCUSSION

Through its superintendent, Petitioner filed an October 31, 2022 request for extension of its November 1, 2022 deadline to install a video camera in a special education classroom. *See* Tex. Educ. Code § 29.022. Petitioner explained that its requested extension was necessary because its supplier had a three-month delay in obtaining a server to store the camera's audio and video data. Petitioner estimates it will have the equipment needed to install the camera on or about November 30, 2022. Petitioner notified all interested parties of its requested extension. No interested parties objected to the request or appeared in this case.

### Conclusion

The requested deadline extension is reasonable and should be granted.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

After due consideration of the record, matters officially noticed, and the foregoing Findings of Fact, in my capacity as Commissioner of Education, I make the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over this case under § 29.002 of the Texas Education Code.
2. Petitioner offered a reasonable basis for its requested extension, as supply chain delays are beyond its control. In addition, no parties have objected to its request. Therefore, the requested extension should be granted. Petitioner has a forty-five-day extension of time, which is December 16, 2022, to install the video camera in the special education classroom.

## ORDER

After due consideration of the record, matters officially noticed, and the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, in my capacity as Commissioner of Education, it is hereby ORDERED that Gladewater Independent School District is granted an extension of its statutory deadline to install the requested video camera until **December 16, 2022**.

SIGNED AND ISSUED this 5th day of December 2022.

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