

Southern Municipal Finance Society (SMFS)

May 20, 2002

Summer Luncheon: Texas School Finance Reform

Friday June 14, 2002

Noon to 2 p.m.

Louies 106 – A Mediterranean Restaurant in the
Littlefield Building
106 East 6th Street (at Congress)
Austin, TX

Dear SMFS Member:

Please join us for an insightful panel discussion on Texas School Finance Reform. Panelists will include:

Liz Caskey, Texas Education Agency (www.tea.state.tx.us/)

Ms. Caskey is the program director for the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Bond Program. She has been with the Texas Education Agency for 21 years.

Craig Foster, The Equity Center (www.equitycenter.org)

Mr. Foster is co-founder and former executive director of the Equity Center, the largest permanent association of limited wealth districts in the nation. Over 600 districts with over 2,000,000 students are dues-paying members of the Center. He now serves the Center as Special Advisor.

In September of 2001 Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff appointed Mr. Foster as a public member of the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance. In addition, in April of 2002 State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander appointed him to the Technical Advisory Committee (Texas Property Tax Code, Sec. 5.101).

Lisa Dawn-Fisher, Moak Casey and Associates, LLP
(www.moakcasey.com)

Formerly of the Texas Education Agency, Lisa Dawn-Fisher was responsible for the implementation and administration of the facilities state aid program. She has served as a legislative assistant and researcher who has focused on education policy and finance issues. Over the past three years she has specialized in the analysis of facilities financing and legislative analysis.

If you desire a better insight into the policy considerations and potential outcome of school funding in Texas, then this is a meeting that you do not want to miss.

The luncheon will be free to SMFS members. A fee of \$15 will be charged to non-SMFS members.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Please RSVP to Bill Foley by Friday, June 7, 2002.
Business Casual attire is acceptable for all SMFS events.