

Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendent Call – August 12, 2021

Announcements:

- **COVID-19 Testing**
 - [August 2021 LEA Rapid COVID Testing Opt Application](#)
 - [August 2021 Private Schools Rapid COVID Testing Opt Application](#)
 - This application is intended for public and private schools that are not currently in the state sponsored K-12 testing project. This application closes on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Public schools that are already in the program DO NOT need to fill out this application.
 - [Start of 2021- 2022 School Year Rapid Test Reordering Spreadsheet](#)
 - For districts and private schools already approved to receive tests under the **K-12 COVID Testing Project**, re-orders of COVID tests have not been permitted until 70% of existing tests have been reported. This limitation is being waived on a one time basis to facilitate re-order of supplies for the start of the school year. For the purposes of managing remaining inventory, districts are permitted to request an amount of tests up to the amount identified in this spreadsheet.
- **Tutoring**
 - [Check on out the new Tutoring Website](#)
 - [TAA: Vetted Texas Tutor Corps \(VTTC\) Announcement](#)
 - TEA is excited to announce the launch of the Vetted Texas Tutor Corps (VTTC), an initiative aimed at accelerating student learning through high impact tutoring, with a goal of reaching over one million students. The VTTC is comprised of TEA-Subsidized and TEA-Approved Tutoring Providers that can support the implementation of high impact tutoring as well as assist districts in meeting the statutory requirements for supplemental accelerated instruction as outlined in House Bill 4545.
- **Compensatory Education Funding and Free-Reduced Price Meal Applications**
 - [Register](#) to attend the upcoming webinar on August 19th to provide LEAs with strategies and best practices to collect socioeconomic data from families during the 2021-2022 school year.

Posted this week on tea.texas.gov/coronavirus:

- **House Bill 4545 Resources**

- **UPDATED:** [House Bill 4545 FAQ](#)
 - Questions regarding the implementation of HB 4545 should be submitted in writing to accelerated.instruction@tea.texas.gov. Answers will also be added on a rolling basis to the FAQ document.
- **Remote Learning**
 - **UPDATED:** [Remote Conferencing FAQ](#)
- **School Boards**
 - **UPDATED:** [School Board FAQ](#)
 - On June 30, 2021, Governor Abbott's office approved a request by the Office of the Attorney General to [lift the suspensions of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act](#). The suspensions will lift at 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2021. Thus, as of September 1, 2021, all provisions of the Open Meetings Act will be effective and all Texas governmental bodies subject to the Open Meetings Act must conduct their meetings in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act as written in statute.

Reminders:

- [TCLAS](#):
 - TAA: **[TCLAS Application Closing on 8/20 for LEAs](#)**
 - Reminder, there is only one week left to apply for approximately \$1.4B for 15 initiatives focused on learning acceleration through 1 simple, streamlined application process.