Superintendents,

Below is a summary debrief of the TEA Superintendent Call that took place on May 20, 2022:

Posted recently on tea.texas.gov/coronavirus:

- **Reading Academies**
    - **NEW:** Additional Reading Academies Program Updates
- **HB 4545**
    - **NEW:** Dr. Saul Hinojosa, Superintendent of Somerset ISD, spoke to us about their scheduling changes to support the needs of HB 4545 and Reading Academies and the impact it has had on their students. Here is their District Example - Master Schedule & Reading Academy.
- **Teacher Vacancy Task Force**
    - **NEW:** Announced the 24 additional teacher members of the Task Force. This is a very diverse group of teachers that will bring a wealth of expertise, experience, and perspectives to the Task Force. The Task Force now includes:
        - 26 Teachers, 26 School System Administrators
        - All 20 ESC regions
        - Rural, urban, and suburban districts
        - Traditional and charter school systems
        - Variety of student populations served
        - Variety of content, grade level, and placement area experience
        - See the full list of Task Force members
    - **NEW:** Teacher Vacancy Task Force Meeting Agenda for June 2, 2022
- **STAAR Assessment**
    - **NEW:** Key Dates
        - May 23: Preliminary results for $3^{rd} – 8^{th}$ will be available in CRS. This will not include ALL students right away because of the time it takes paper tests to get shipped and processed, but those will be updated as we receive the tests.
        - June 13: Student report cards, rosters, summary reports, and data files will be available for EOC.
        - June 16: Report cards and data files will be available in family and analytical portals for EOC
        - June 20: Student report cards, rosters, summary reports, and data files will be available for $3^{rd} – 8^{th}$.
        - June 24: Report cards and data files will be available in family and analytical portals for $3^{rd} – 8^{th}$

- o **NEW:** [2022 STAAR: Communication Materials for Parents](#)
  - **One-Pagers** –Can be shared electronically, on social media, or printed and distributed to parents and families in your district. The one-pager contains four easy steps for parents to access their child's STAAR results using TexasAssessment.gov or your district's single-sign-on.
  - **Sample HTML Email and Content**—To be customized and used in your existing materials, including newsletters, emails, and other family communications. Content incorporates easy steps to access STAAR results using TexasAssessment.gov or your district's single-sign-on.
  - **Social Media Assets**—Can be shared on your social media platforms including Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram. Assets include 1-3 generic images districts can share on their social media platforms along with 1-5 generic posts, and 3 options of hashtags.
  - o **UPDATED:** [TexasAssessment.gov](#)

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
  - o **REMINDER:** In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0256, beginning with students enrolled in 12th grade during the 2021-2022 school year, each student must do one of the following in order to graduate**:**
    - Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
    - Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA); or
    - Submit a signed opt-out form.
  - o See the [Financial Aid Requirement Page](#) for more information

- **State Comp Ed Census Tiers**
  - o **NEW:** [TAA - 2022-2023 State Compensatory Education (SCE) Allotment Census Block Groups](#)
  - o **REMINDER:** State Funding has posted the 22-23 SY Census Block data and tier assignments at: https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/general-information/census-block-group-tools

- **ESSER I**
  - o **REMINDER:** ESSER I Grants are ending soon.
    - If you need to amend your ESSER I application, that must be submitted to us by 7/5/2022
    - Last date to obligate (make commitments per 34 CFR 76.707) ESSER I Funds is 9/30/2022
    - You can continue to receive the services and make payments during your liquidation period until you file your Final and/or Revised Expenditure Report on 1/2/2023
    - TEA is required to close this program out with USDE no later than 1/30/23
    - Remember, you must maintain separate accounting records for each of the ESSER I, ESSER II, and ESSER III grant programs

- **Senate Bill 1697**
  - o **REMINDER:** For the 2022-2023 school year, parents can only opt to have their child repeat grades PreK- 3. Learn more at the [Restart A Grade webpage](#).

- **COVID Testing**
  - o **NEW:** [TAA - 2021-2022 COVID-19 Testing Program Closeout Dates and Feedback Request](#)
    - Last Day to Order Tests for SY 21-22:   May 20, 2022
    - Last Day for Staffing on Campuses: June 30, 2022
    - Last Day to Report Results (required):   July 7, 2022*
    - Last Day for Inventory Closeout (required):   July 7, 2022*