Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendent Call – September 9, 2021

Thank you for joining our call yesterday. This is a follow-up email to capture the links, announcements and reminders the Commissioner referenced in the call.

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.

- **Senate Bill 15 & Remote Learning**
  - **NEW:** To Be Proposed Local Remote SAAH Rules
  - **NEW:** TAA: Senate Bill 15 (87th Legislative Session, 2nd Called Session) Overview

- **SY 21-22 K-12 COVID-19 Testing Project**
  - **NEW:** SY 21-22 K-12 COVID-19 Testing Project High-Level One Pager (PDF)
  - **NEW:** SY 21-22 K-12 COVID-19 Testing Project Presentation (PDF)
  - **NEW:** SY 21-22 K-12 COVID-19 Testing Project FAQ (PDF)
  - **NEW:** Public and Private School System Opt-In Application
    - This application should only be filled out by public and private school systems that are NOT currently enrolled in the state's testing program and NOT part of the City of Houston testing program
  - **NEW:** K-12 Current Opt In List and Test Allocation Spreadsheet (excel)
  - **NEW:** Vendor Resource Sheet (PDF)
  - **NEW:** School Systems Supported by the City of Houston COVID-19 Testing Program (excel)

  - **WEBINARS:**
  Testing Overview:
    - Register to attend the **testing** overview webinar on Tuesday, September 14th (1:00-2:00)

  Grant Overview:
    - Register to attend the **grant** overview webinar on Monday, September 20th (10:00-11:00)
    - Register to attend the **grant** overview webinar on Tuesday September 21st(1:00-2:00)

Testing Vendor Overview:

- Register to attend the **testing vendor** Achieve Health Management webinar on Monday, September 20th (1:00-2:00)
- Register to attend the **testing vendor** Thermo Fisher Scientific webinar on Tuesday, September 21st (3:00-3:45)
- Register to attend the **testing vendor** SDI Labs webinar on Wednesday, September 22nd (1:00-2:00)
- Register to attend the **testing vendor** Quest Diagnostics webinar – on September 22nd (10:00-11:00)
- Register to attend the **federal program provider** Affinity Empowering webinar on Wednesday, September 22nd (11:00-12:00)

Reminder:

- **TCLAS:**
  - Award confirmation emails were released last Tuesday evening. Emails were sent to the individual who submitted your TCLAS application. If they cannot find the email, we recommend they check spam / junk folders. If the email still cannot be found, please email us at TCLAS@tea.texas.gov
  - TCLAS confirmation responses are due by 11:59 Friday Sept 10. Please get those responses in.
  - An optional kick-off webinar for TCLAS was held the morning of Thursday Sept 9. If you did not join this webinar, you might find it helpful to review the slides and recording before sending your confirmation response (although watching the webinar isn't necessary for the purposes of that confirmation response).
  - TEA is hosting a series of webinars to provide support-specific guidance for LEAs on their TCLAS awards and to support districts in their submission of their TCLAS grant budget through the eGrants system. These webinars – including times, dates, and registration links - are listed on tea.texas.gov/tclas.
  - For additional information on TCLAS, including all grantee next steps, please visit www.tea.texas.gov/tclas.