

Superintendents,

Below is the summary debrief of the TEA Monthly Superintendent call that took place on November 20, 2025:

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11/20 Call Agenda:

- **Grant Opportunity: Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant**
 - TEA released a new competitive application for the 21st CCLC Grant on Friday, November 14, 2025. Awarded applicants will receive funding for the Texas ACE program beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Approximately \$52 million is available for this grant program, and it is anticipated that approximately 40 grants will be awarded. Grant awards are expected to range from \$150,000 to \$2 million each year for the five-year project period.
 - **Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. (Central Time), February 17, 2026, to be considered for funding.** TEA will only accept applications submitted via the eGrants system. All applying organizations must have or obtain TEA Login (TEAL) and eGrants accounts to apply for this opportunity. See the Program Guidelines for this opportunity for more information.
 - The Request for Applications (RFA) is available on the [TEA Grant Opportunities Page](#). More information on Texas ACE can be found on TEA's [Texas ACE webpage](#).
 - For questions, contact 21stCentury@tea.texas.gov.

- **Final 2025-2030 IBC List for Public School Accountability**
 - TAA: [Industry-Based Certification List for Public School Accountability](#) Published November 6, 2025
 - [Final 2025-2030 IBC List for Public School Accountability \(PDF\)](#) Published November 20, 2025
 - The following resources are available on the [Industry-Based Certifications webpage](#):
 - Final 2025-2030 IBC List
 - Comprehensive 2025 IBC Evaluation Results
 - IBCs to Program of Study Crosswalk
 - Industry-Based Certification List Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
 - Updated Program of Study Framework documents
 - If you have questions regarding the 2025-30 IBC List for Public School Accountability, contact ibc@tea.texas.gov.

- **IBC Reimbursements Information and CCMR Assessments Clarification**
 - TAA: [Industry-Based Certification Reimbursements and Clarification of Career Readiness Assessment](#) Published November 20, 2025
 - If you have questions or need assistance, please visit TEA's [House Bill 3: College Preparation Assessment Reimbursements](#), [Industry-Based Certifications webpage](#) or email TSIAReimbursements@tea.texas.gov or ibc@tea.texas.gov.

- **Senate Bill 2: Education Savings Accounts and Children with Disabilities**
 - TAA: [Senate Bill 2: Education Savings Accounts and Children with Disabilities](#) Published November 20, 2025
 - The agency has published an [initial guidance document](#) on SB 2 (89R) as it relates to children with disabilities. As part of the guidance mentions future rulemaking, [drafted rule text](#) has also been provided so districts are able to review and comply with current agency expectations around the implementation of SB 2.
 - More information and guidance will be shared by TEA this winter, including a parent video overview of the process, a frequently asked questions (FAQs) document, and other resources. Submit questions to 89th@tea.texas.gov.

- **LASO Cycle 4 Application Deadline: December 3rd**
 - This is a reminder that the LASO application window closes **December 3 at 5:00 PM CT**. School Systems that have not yet applied and intend to do so are encouraged to:
 - Explore the [LASO 4 webpage](#) to review the initiatives included and determine which may be the best fit based on school system needs.
 - Submit the application using the LASO application link that was sent to the Superintendent (via email on October 3rd). School Systems needing a new link may request one through the [LASO 4 Application Request Form](#).

- **LIFT and Blended Learning Grants**
 - [LASO: LIFT & Blended Learning Grants to Support Math Improvements](#) (PDF) Published November 20, 2025
 - For questions about Leadership and Instructional Foundations for Texas (LIFT), please contact LIFT@tea.texas.gov
 - For questions about Blended Learning, please contact blendedlearning@tea.texas.gov

- **Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) Approved Instructional Materials**
 - The State Board of Education (SBOE) will be approving additional instructional materials on the SBOE-approved high-quality instructional materials list today (Friday, November 21).
 - This year, the SBOE has reviewed and is adding supplemental materials to their list of approved materials.
 - All SBOE-approved instructional materials will be considered [high-quality instructional materials \(HQIM\)](#) and eligible for the new funding entitlements outlined in TEC 48, Sections 48.307 and 48.308. For school systems, this means access to an additional \$540 million in instructional materials formula funding, on top of the funds already allocated via the Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment (IMTA).
 - Be on the lookout for a TAA with more information on the approved materials and ordering process in December.
 - Please visit the [IMRA website](#) for updates on the approved materials.

- **Next Call: Thursday, January 15, 2025, at 3:00 PM**
 - Since our December call would typically fall on the day when many schools release for the holiday break, we plan to reconvene in January. ***We will send a confirmation email to Superintendents in mid-December with information on the January call.***
 - Superintendents, to receive monthly call reminders via email, please update your information via AskTED. If you are not receiving call reminder emails, please check your Gov Delivery subscriptions or connect with your ESC or TEA for support with AskTED.