Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls
As of: June 25

Next steps for districts and charters:
1. Bookmark TEA’s coronavirus website tea.texas.gov/coronavirus for the most up-to-date guidance
2. Please continue to submit questions to disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov

Reminders:
- **Governor Abbott’s closure order** was extended to the end of the 2019-20 school year. Please do not send updates on districts closings to disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov.
- The TEA COVID-19 Superintendent Call have moved to Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00pm. **The call-in information has changed. Please use the call-in information sent via TEA’s Superintendent Listserv on June 25, 2020.**

Recap of topics covered:
- **Guidance Related to Governor Abbott’s Executive Order-28 (EO-28)**
  - Governor Abbott’s Executive Order-28 that paused the state’s reopening plan.
  - Under the current phase of re-opening (phase III), on-campus instruction is still allowed.
  - We are in the process of updating TEA’s plan for reopening schools and will provide an update as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience.
- **Remote Instruction Guidance for SY 2020-2021**
  - We released the initial set of guidance as it relates to attendance and remote instruction for the upcoming school year.
  - For additional information, please read the more detailed SY 20-21 Attendance and Enrollment FAQ.
  - If you missed Tuesday, June 23rd’s superintendent call, you can hear the recording on your own time.
- **20-21 Strong Start Planning**
  - As part of our efforts to provide guidance to districts, our team has developed an initial set of tools to support districts with instructional and operational planning:
    - A preliminary planning checklist and reflection tool districts can use to consider how lessons from spring 2020 may translate to fall 2020 planning.
    - A survey resource and guidance for districts to ask families and staff about their spring and fall aspirations.
  - Future Strong Start planning tools can be found on our Instructional Continuity webpage.
- **School Calendar Considerations**
An update Additional Days School Year (ADSY) FAQ was posted to provide additional information to districts pursuing the ADSY program.

- CARES Act Funding
  - Several new FAQs were posted to support district planning:
    - An updated CARES Act Equitable Services Provision FAQ
    - An updated CARES Act Funding and COVID Expense Reimbursement FAQ (posted on June 16)
    - An updated Federal Funding FAQ (posted on June 16)
    - A new CARES Act Funding Support for LEAs summary document (posted on June 18)
  - A Notice of Public Comment related to expedited waiver requests to the U.S. Department of Education was also posted on Thursday

- COVID-19 Related Waivers
  - The summary of waivers document includes updated instructions to submit the Annual Financial Report Waiver and the Missed School Days Waiver
  - In an effort to accommodate LEAs in need of additional time to submit these waivers, the deadline for districts to submit their Missed School Days Waiver for SY 2019-2020 was extended to Friday, July 3.

- Supporting Student Mental Health
  - We posted a video with simple steps families can take to help their children during this challenging time.
  - In addition to flyers in English and Spanish detailing steps to take to support student mental health, social media resources were included for districts to distribute to their families.

- Child Nutrition
  - The Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) online application is now open.
  - As of June 25, the Health and Human Services Commission has received applications for nearly 1.3 million Texas children.
  - The application will remain open until Friday, July 31, so please continue to encourage your district’s families to apply.