Summary Debrief
– July 14, 16 and 17

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:
- 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 July 17, 2020.

Recap of topics covered:
- School Year 20-21 Public Health Guidance
  - An updated guidance document was posted on July 17 related to ensuring schools are safe for students and staff in the upcoming school year.
- Remote Instruction Guidance for SY 2020-2021
  - The SY 20-21 Attendance and Enrollment FAQ was updated on July 17. As part of the guidance, two new waivers were announced that school boards have the option of taking advantage of:
    - Request for hybrid instruction for high school students
    - Request to extend the start of the school year transition beyond the four-week limit.
- Personal Protective Equipment
  - An updated overview document was posted that provides information around distribution progress, vendor contacts, and unit price for district accounting purposes.
- Operation Connectivity
  - The Operation Connectivity Playbook was published to provide a comprehensive overview of this important initiative.
  - Included in the update were the following supportive documents:
    - Registration Questionnaire Templates in English and Spanish
    - Family Survey Templates in English and Spanish
    - A spreadsheet that includes all of the internet providers in Texas
    - An FAQ related to the Operation Connectivity Bulk Order
    - An announcement from Governor Abbott and senior state leadership related to eLearning funding for Texas students
- School Funding
  - Several new FAQs were posted to answer LEA questions:
• An updated CARES Act Funding and Expense Reimbursement FAQ
• An updated CARES Act Equitable Services Provision FAQ
• An updated Federal Funding and Grants FAQ

- Supporting Texas Educators
  o A new guidance document was posted related to SY 20-21 Employment Matters

- SY 20-21 Instructional Planning
  o A new Strong Start Resources website was launched to support SY 20-21 instructional planning, including:
    ▪ A section related to Planning Tools, which includes the Guidebook for Back To School Planning
    ▪ 12 Sample School Models to help jump start district thinking on how to schedule, staff, and tool various school options
    ▪ A section related to Educator Trainings, including the training that launches Monday, July 20 on Remote Instructional Delivery
    ▪ A webinar series on designing remote school is forthcoming!

- Texas Home Learning 3.0
  o Texas Home Learning 3.0 was introduced to districts to support student achievement in the 20-21 school year.