Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls
As of: July 30

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 21, 2020.**

Recap of topics covered:
- Public Health Guidance
  - The SY 20-21 Public Health Guidance was updated on July 28. Several resources were posted as resources for districts:
    - Communication templates in English and Spanish
    - The SY 20-21 Public Health Operational Guidebook, which includes tabletop exercise scenarios
      - Recommended answers to the exercise scenarios
      - The list of COVID-19 symptom screener applications that was vetted and approved by TEA through an informal selection process.
  - In addition, the Texas Attorney General's guidance letter on local public health orders was also posted.
  - Related to public health, TEA developed "I wear a mask because…" editable flyers in English and Spanish for districts to use to encourage their communities to wear masks.
- Child Nutrition
  - The deadline for families to apply for the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer was extended to August 21. An informational flyer for districts to send to their families was posted in English and Spanish.
- Remote Instruction Guidance for SY 2020-2021
  - The SY 20-21 Attendance and Enrollment FAQ was updated on July 30.
- Remote Instruction Requirements
  - Several new resources were posted related to Asynchronous Plans:
    - A non-example from a fictional district, including the rubric rationale tied to this asynchronous plan.
    - Common pitfalls to avoid when completing the asynchronous plan.

- A blank template for districts to use an option in completing the asynchronous application.
- School Funding
  - Several new FAQs were posted to answer LEA questions:
    - An updated Federal Funding and Grants FAQ
    - An updated CARES Act Funding and Expense Reimbursement FAQ which includes new information related to the Texas Department of Emergency Management reimbursement process.
  - The CARES Act included a special subsidy related to Medicare, which is relevant to districts that submit reimbursement under SHARS.
    - Districts that provide SHARS services should consider applying for Federal COVID-19 Provider Relief Funds. The deadline to start the application is Monday, August 3.
- Student Assessment
  - The waiver of the Student Success Initiative promotion requirements was announced on July 27.
    - This announcement was also reflected in the COVID-19 Related Waivers summary document.
- Operation Connectivity
  - New FAQs were published related to the Bulk Order and Statewide Bulk Purchasing Event, including information on the funding allocation.
  - A Guide to Operation Connectivity for Cities and Counties was posted to support districts with having conversations about coronavirus relief funding.
- SY 20-21 Instructional Planning
  - A new Strong Start Resources website was launched to support SY 20-21 instructional planning, including:
    - A webinar series on Adapting or Adopting Remote Resilient Curriculum that started on Monday, July 27.
      - 2 module recordings were posted:
        - Module 1: Designing for Instructional Quality, Coherence, and Continuity
        - Module 2: Adapting or Adopting Pre-K curriculum for remote settings
- Texas Home Learning
  - The Texas Home Learning 3.0 Learning Management System (LMS) was announced as a free 2-year resource for districts.
    - Districts can sign up for the statewide Schoology license here