Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls
As of: August 13

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 Thursdays only at 3:00pm. The call-in information has changed. Please use the call-in information sent via TEA’s Superintendent Listserv on August 13, 2020.

Recap of topics covered:
- Public Health Guidance
  - The SY 20-21 Public Health Guidance was updated on August 4.
  - As part of the Public Health Guidance, school systems are required to provide parents a notice of their public education enrollment and attendance rights and responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. This Education Rights and Responsibilities document is now available in English and Spanish.
  - As a resource to districts, TEA developed “I wear a mask because...” editable flyers in English and Spanish for districts to use to encourage their communities to wear masks.
  - In addition, we provided an update on the statewide distribution of Personal Protective Equipment.
- Remote Instruction Guidance for SY 2020-2021
  - The SY 20-21 Attendance and Enrollment FAQ was updated on July 30.
- Remote Instruction Requirements
  - A new FAQ was posted to address questions around Asynchronous Plans.
  - Please submit questions on Asynchronous Plans to AsynchronousPlanReview@tea.texas.gov.
  - The current list of districts that have submitted Letters of Intent can be found here.
- Operation Connectivity
  - Updated FAQs were published related to the Bulk Order.
  - An updated Guide to Operation Connectivity for Cities and Counties was posted to support districts with having conversations about coronavirus relief funding.
  - A new and related FAQ was posted to provide information on SY 20-21 Instructional Materials Guidance
- Crisis Codes
- A **To The Administrator Address** (TAA) letter was posted announcing the deadline of October 5, 2020 for districts to submit their crisis code data.

- **SY 20-21 Instructional Planning**
  - As a reminder, the **Strong Start Resources** website was launched to support SY 20-21 instructional planning, including the following new resources:
    - A **Phased Reopening Guide** which includes a set of considerations and guidance for districts to use as they consider how to phase-in reopening over the first 4-8 weeks of school.
    - An **announcement** related to TEA’s partnership with **OnRamps** to offer a selection of free modules through the OnRamps Distance Learning Catalog for middle and high school teachers across Texas.

- **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 learn more about the **LMS**, how the **LMS monitors attendance**, and the **support for all learners** included in the LMS.

- **Additional Updates**
  - A new FAQ was posted related to **SY 20-21 College Prep Assessments**
  - Updates were posted to the **Educator Certification and Preparation Guidance**, including a new FAQ on the **Intern and Emergency Permit Waiver**.
  - An update to the **School Boards FAQ** announcing the extension of board trainings via online/virtual formatting through January 31, 2021
  - While not directly related to COVID, a new TAA was posted related to **SY 2019-2020 School Improvement Interventions**.