Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls
As of: August 20

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:
- Remote Instruction Guidance for SY 2020-2021
  - The SY 20-21 Attendance and Enrollment FAQ was updated on August 20. There were no content updates, but the document was re-organized for clarity.
- Asynchronous and Synchronous Instruction
  - The Asynchronous Plans FAQ was updated on August 20.
  - 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
  - Two webinar PPTs were posted:
    - Operation Connectivity Bulk Order Webinar
    - Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) Local Match Reimbursement Program
      - Additional information on the reimbursement program is found in the CARES Act Funding and Expense Reimbursement FAQ
  - Please proactively communicate with the customer service email (customerservice@teabulkorder.com) if you have any bulk order questions or issues.
  - Finally we wanted to give a big shout out to Dr. Pam Wells and her team at Region 4 Education Service Center for all of their hard work!
- School Funding
  - Several new FAQs were posted to answer LEA questions:
    - An updated Federal Funding and Grants FAQ
    - An updated CARES Act Equitable Services FAQ
    - An updated CARES Act Funding and Expense Reimbursement FAQ
- DAEP Programs
We’ve received several questions about the impact of COVID on DAEP programs and have posted new 20-21 Discipline Guidance to support districts.

- Also included are the instructions to submit a DAEP class size waiver.

**Supporting Educators**
- A new Educator Wellness Guide was posted that shares ideas around building a culture of self-care and building resilience for staff members, and lists out mental and behavioral health trainings/professional development resources available.

**Supporting English Learners**
- A new 20-21 FAQ and EL Implementation guide were posted to support these students.

**Supporting Students with Disabilities**
- Several new resources were posted to support districts:
  - SY 20-21 Students with Disabilities Planning Supports Guidebook
  - SY 20-21 Homebound FAQ
  - A training video to help with progress monitoring
  - A training video related to ARDs and contingency planning for remote learning

**Texas Home Learning**
- The Texas Home Learning 3.0 Learning Management System (LMS) was announced as a free 2-year resource for districts.
  - Last week, a webinar and PPT was posted describing the resources available related to THL 3.0 College Prep Math. These materials are expected to be released by August 31.

**Additional Updates**
- While not directly related to COVID, new TAAs were posted to announce the Blended Learning Planning Grants and Student Assessment related updates.
  - The deadline to apply for the Blended Learning Planning Grant is September 18.