Free On-line Professional Development Resources and Webinars

General Resources	Audience	Format	Details
Always Ready for Learning By The Learning Accelerator	Administrators	Individualized Coaching	Always Ready for Learning offers free, individualized coaching and resources for school leaders. Complete a questionnaire to express interest.
Professional Learning, Strategies, and Ideas for Educators By National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET)	Administrators, K-12 Teachers, Coaches	Pre-recorded Webinars and Interactive learning modules	This website includes NIET's Rubric Companion for Virtual Instruction, webinars covering best practices for virtual teaching and learning, free NIET learning modules, and strategies for administrators. NIET has additional Remote Learning Resources available (here).
Wide Open School By Common Sense Education	K-12 Teachers	Resources	This website provides a range of resources for educators including virtual classroom setup, digital citizenship, and resources for teaching across the content areas.
School Resource Hub: Distance Teaching Practices By Instruction Partners	K-12 Teachers	Resources	This website includes articles and resources on best practices for distance learning.
Rubric for Ensuring Student Access to Learning By Michigan Virtual Learning Organization	K-12 Teachers, Administrators	Resources	Educators can use this rubric to assess student readiness for remote learning.
3-Part Webinar Series on Trauma-Informed Practices in Schools and Beyond By Aperture Education	K-12 Teachers, Administrators	Pre-recorded Webinar	This 3 part webinar series includes Trauma 101, Skills and Practices for Educators, and Creating a Trauma-informed School Community
Creating Digital Content for Online Learning By Adobe Spark	K-12 Teachers, Administrators	Resources	This website includes different options for creating online content.
A New Reality: Getting Remote Learning Right By ASCD's Educational Leadership	Administrators, Instructional Coaches, K-12 Teachers	Resources	This spring issue of Educational Leadership from ASCD is free and open to all users.
Digital Citizenship Curriculum Webinar for Teachers By Common Sense Education	K-12 Teachers, Administrators	Pre-recorded Webinar	This webinar introduces teachers to Common Sense's free Digital Citizenship Curriculum, which also includes Spanish materials. The curriculum is guided by the research of Project Zero at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and addresses current issues students face, including cyberbullying, online privacy, hate speech, news literacy, and more.

Webinars	Audience	Format	Details
Reading Practice in a Time of Remote Learning By Student Achievement Partners	K–12 Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Administrators	Pre-recorded Webinar	Learn about a 5-Day instructional routine that engages all students in reading practice. In this webinar you'll see synchronous, asynchronous, and limited or technology-free formats and develop a professional vision for implementing a reading practice instructional routine in your setting. Hear from one school that's beginning to implement this model and receive tips on how to implement this at your school.
High-Quality Materials in Action By Amplify	Administrators, K-12 Teachers	Pre-recorded Webinar	Three webinars cover the importance of high-quality materials and how to use them during remote learning.
In Conversation: Supporting Students & Educators Experiencing Trauma By New Teacher Center	K–12 Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Administrators	Pre-recorded Webinar	This webinar covers the following topics: (1) understanding the potentially traumatic impact of COVID-19 on school communities and the role educators play in building resilience in themselves and their students, (2) comprehending students' experiences and what they need while they face real-time trauma, and (3) real-time actions and activities that are taking place to care for individuals experiencing trauma in communities and districts.
Quick Chat: Shifting Classroom Practices to a Virtual Environment By Regional Educational Laboratory Midwest & Region 9 Comprehensive Center	K–12 Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Administrators	Pre-recorded Webinar	This webinar highlights strategies for effectively teaching K–12 students in a virtual setting. The webinar features an e-learning expert who discusses research-based strategies to consider while transitioning classroom practices to an e-learning environment. Participants also hear from two K–12 educators who share the approaches they are using to connect with students, build lesson plans, and manage student work in a virtual environment.
Families and Educators Supporting Learning at Home By National Association for the Education of Young Children	ECE and Early Elementary Teachers	Pre-recorded Webinar	Join authors Karen Nemeth and Kelly Ramsey for a discussion of strategies and resources that will help you reach out to diverse families of young children and build great relationships that support young children.
Finishing the Unfinished: Tools to Create an Equitable Learning Recovery Plan By Pivot Learning and UnboundEd	K-12 Teachers	Pre-recorded Webinar	This webinar shares practical, customizable tools and a data-driven process that you can implement now to better understand unfinished ELA and Math instruction and learning across your district system.

District Tips: Educator Trainings & Support

District leaders were asked how they have they have helped teachers gain proficiency with new technology platforms, asynchronous and synchronous learning, tracking student progress, and communicating with students and families. Below are some practices district leaders shared from across Texas.

- Develop online training for both instructional and communication tools.
- Leverage platforms that have already been in use and support educators in gaining proficiency with those.
- Designate an instructional coach or instructional technology specialist on each campus to facilitate training sessions and support staff.
- Schedule weekly meetings with instructional coaches to discuss common supports needed across campuses, troubleshoot issues, and share best practices across the team.
- Develop an internal educator website with training opportunities, tools and resources, staff roles and responsibilities, and how to plan for instruction.
- Create a series of courses designed and delivered by central district staff to support teachers in the transition to remote learning.
- Hold office hours across departments within the district such as digital learning, curriculum, etc.
- Hold parent webinars to communicate on a range of topics including grades, completion of assignments, general student progress, etc.
- Utilize teacher surveys to determine training needs for the fall.

District Tips: Support for School Leaders & Instructional Teams

District leaders were asked how they have helped school leaders lead instructional teams in a virtual environment, coached and developed teachers, and communicated with families about expectations and progress. Below are some practices district leaders shared from across Texas.

- Develop a school leader guidebook with communication scripts for teachers and families, instructional calendars, and training videos.
- Implement virtual Instructional Rounds.
- Train school leaders on both communication and instructional technology.
- Hold weekly principal meetings to review data of students engaging in online learning and completing assignments via packets.
- Have principals and central district staff join virtual PLCs.
- Create an online principal course in your LMS.