



To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	April 4, 2024
SUBJECT:	Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Survey
CATEGORY:	Student Supports
NEXT STEPS:	Schools respond to survey by May 23, 2024

This letter provides information to school officials and superintendents regarding a required survey designed by the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health.

Background

The 86th Texas Legislature charged TEA in [House Bill \(HB\) 906](#) to develop a Mental Health Task Force to study and evaluate mental health services that are funded by the state and provided at a school district or open-enrollment charter school directly to a student, parent or family member, or employee. Per TEC, §38.307, each school district and open-enrollment charter school (local educational agency or LEA) must respond to the required survey designed by the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health.

Overview

This survey intends to gather information related to systems of services and support for mental and behavioral health in each LEA as required of the Task Force by TEC, §§38.301-38.312. The survey includes inquiry about data elements in statute, needs, capacity, and student support staff reflection on school mental health best practices.

- The results will only be shared in aggregate at the state and regional levels.
- The results will not be used in any way to evaluate an LEA.
- Survey results will be summarized in a report to the Texas Legislature, along with recommendations on school mental health capacity from the Task Force.
- LEA participation is required by statute

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is disseminating this survey pursuant to the agency's statutory role to support the Task Force. TEA will store all data in accordance with the agency's information security plan, Records Retention Schedule, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and any applicable state statutes.

It is recommended that school/campus principals convene and engage the appropriate student support multidisciplinary team to collaboratively respond in each LEA, consistent with Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) best practices.

Action Required

Superintendents should designate the campus/school administrators to work with school multidisciplinary teams with awareness and oversight of mental and behavioral health-related programs and processes to facilitate **completing the online survey by May 23, 2024**.

- Access the [required survey](#).
- To assist school teams with gathering information to respond to the survey questions, [a PDF of the survey questions](#) is available on the Texas School Mental Health [HB 906 Task Force page](#).
- **Survey responses must be submitted by May 23, 2024.**

Please review the survey by **April 11, 2024**, and [submit any questions through this form](#).

The Task Force will collect questions received by April 11 and post responses to those questions by April 15 on the Texas School Mental Health [HB 906 Task Force page](#).

If you have additional questions while working on the survey, please email or call the School Mental Health Task Force Chair Tracy Spinner directly at tracyspinner@daybreakhealth.com.

Resources

For more information on the Task Force and TEA guidance on school mental health, please access the resources below on the [Texas School Mental Health Website](#):

[TEA Statewide Plan for Student Mental Health](#)

[The Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services- Year 3 Report](#)

[Texas School Mental Health Practice Guide and Toolkit](#)