

Superintendents,

Below is the summary debrief of the TEA Monthly Superintendent call that took place on October 23, 2025:

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10/23 Call Agenda:

- **E-rate Funding**
 - **Coming Soon:** The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will soon launch the application portal for the State Match Program. Please stay tuned for updates and announcements regarding the program's activation and submission timelines.
 - The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is offering a State Match Fund to support eligible school systems in maximizing their federal E-rate Category One funding. This initiative helps bridge the remaining cost gap for high-poverty districts seeking broadband infrastructure improvements.
 - Check the [2025 Texas State Match Fund for E-rate - FY 2025 & FY 2026 | Texas Education Agency](#) page for updates as they become available.
- **Required Reporting on School Bus Seatbelt Costs (Senate Bill 546)**
 - TAA: [SB 546: Required Reporting on School Bus Seat Belt Costs](#), Published October 23, 2025
 - View the [Guidebook for SB546 Reporting on School Seat Belt Costs](#) created by TEA to help school systems prepare for the required reporting. This guidebook includes a preparation guide, data collection example, form logic chart and program contact information.
 - To further support school systems with the reporting process, TEA will be hosting Office Hours sessions throughout the reporting period. Office Hours attendance is optional. Registration information will be posted in Sentinel and is available @ [Zoom Registration](#)
 - If you have questions about the required reporting, please email safeschools@tea.texas.gov.
- **Foundational Subject Certification Extension (House Bill 2)**
 - TAA: [HB 2 Implementation: New Teacher Certification Requirements Update](#), Published October 16, 2025
 - This correspondence provides additional information on the process that districts must use if they wish to request approval from the commissioner of education to delay implementation of certification requirements for foundation curriculum courses until the beginning of the 2029-2030 school year.
 - Districts interested in submitting a request for approval to delay implementation of teacher certification requirements can access the application here: [Application Submission for Delay of Teacher Certification Requirements](#). The application opened on October 16, 2025, and will close on March 2, 2026.

- For questions about the application submission, review and approval processes, please submit a Help Desk Ticket with the **Subject Line: HB 2 Delay of Teacher Certification Requirements Application** via Help Desk Ticket to [Educator Certification](#).
- **House Bill 8 Overview and highlights for School Year 2025-26**
 - TAA: [Overview of House Bill 8](#) Published October 23, 2025
 - This correspondence highlights four changes that go into effect starting December 2025, including:
 - Monday testing prohibition change
 - Update to onscreen and test moderator instructions to mitigate test anxiety
 - Notification for parents for student results
 - Simplified and easy access to results for parents and families
 - TEA has produced a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document related to the implementation of HB 8 that is available at [89th Legislature Updates | Texas Education Agency](#). Check back for updates to the FAQ document.
 - For questions about the assessment information in this correspondence, contact the [Student Assessment Help Desk](#). For questions about the accountability information, contact the Performance Reporting Division at performance.reporting@tea.texas.gov.
- **Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission Educational Resources**
 - TAA: [Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission Educational Resources](#) Published October 23, 2025
 - For school system planning: Holocaust Remembrance Week is January 26-30, 2026.
 - The [THGAAC web page for Holocaust Remembrance Week](#) provides resources which can be used during Holocaust Remembrance Week as well as other times of the year.
 - For more information about the mission and services provided by the THGAAC, please see the [Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission](#) website.
 - In addition to the resources provided, you may reach out and request a speaker from THGAAC <https://thgaac.texas.gov/events/request-a-speaker>
- **LASO Cycle 4**
 - [Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities \(LASO\) Homepage](#)
 - [LASO Cycle 4 Homepage](#)
 - LASO Cycle 4 Application opened on October 1, 2025, and will close on December 1, 2025.
 - [LASO 4 Timeline for upcoming supports and services](#)
- **Additional Days School Year (ADSY) Update and Expansion**
 - [LASO and Additional Days School Year](#) (PDF) Published October 23, 2025
 - TAA: [HB 2 Implementation: Additional Days School Year Update](#), Published October 23, 2025
 - **Join us: ADSY HB 2 Launch Webinar** on October 30, 2025 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT [ADSY HB 2 Launch Webinar Registration](#)
 - The Additional Days School Year (ADSY) initiative provides formula funding to school systems adding up to 30 additional instructional days (beyond a minimum of 175 days) at eligible campuses. House Bill 2 introduces three key updates to the ADSY program, as described in the correspondence above:
 - Base Calendar Eligibility Requirement Lowered to 175 Instructional Days
 - Grade Eligibility Expanded to PK-8
 - New Pathway to ¾-Day Formula Funding for Campuses Offering 200+ Days

- Learn more about the shifts to ADSY by exploring the [ADSY webpage](#) and reading the “[ADSY: Key Changes Under House Bill 2](#)” guide and FAQ.
 - **The Additional Days School Year Planning and Execution Program (ADSY PEP)** is an optional grant opportunity that provides comprehensive support to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools in designing and sustaining high-quality, evidence-based ADSY programs. If your school system is seeking to innovatively restructure the traditional academic calendar and daily schedules through ADSY Full Year Redesign, or to develop an enriching summer program through ADSY Summer Learning, learn more and apply to ADSY Planning and Execution Program via [LASO Cycle 4](#). ***Participation in the grant program is not required to access ADSY formula funding.***
- **Next Call: Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 3:00 PM**
 - Superintendents, to receive monthly call reminders via email, please update your information via AskTED. If you are not receiving call reminder emails, please check your Gov Delivery subscriptions or connect with your ESC or TEA for support with AskTED.