

Superintendents,

Below is the summary debrief of the TEA Monthly Superintendent call that took place on April 16, 2026:

Posted recently on tea.texas.gov & <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/superintendents>

4/16/26 Call Agenda:

- **Teacher Employment, Attrition, and Hiring**
 - [Teacher Employment, Attrition, and Hiring](#) (PDF) Published April 16, 2026
 - [Teacher Hiring Resources Homepage](#)
 - [Preparing and Retaining Educators through Partnerships Program \(PREP\) Allotment Homepage](#)
 - TAA: [New TSDS Core Collection: Teacher Vacancy Collection](#) Published March 26, 2026
 - FAQ: [Teacher Vacancy Collection – Frequently Asked Questions](#) (March 26, 2026)
 - Questions regarding the Teacher Vacancy Collection may be directed to TEA through the TSDS Incident Management System (TIMS).
- **Special Education Funding Updates**
 - TAA: [Special Education Funding Updates](#) Published April 16, 2026
 - [Special Education Funding Updates](#) (PDF) Published April 16, 2026
 - [Intensity of Services Special Education Funding Model Resources](#)
 - [Sign up for webinar next week](#): the **April webinar will occur on April 21 at 2 p.m.** These are recorded with the recordings posted on the same webpage shortly after the webinar.
 - TEA's Office of Special Populations and Student Supports (OSPSS) will begin holding **weekly Zoom “office hours” beginning on Thursday, May 7, 2026**. Options are 9- 9:30 am and 4- 4:30 pm every Thursday. The Zoom link is in the TAA and will be posted on the [Texas SPED Support page](#) and the [webinar and newsletter page](#).
 - OSPSS will include special education funding on each monthly webinar it hosts for school systems; registration can be found on the [webinar and newsletter page](#).
 - LBB Attendance Projections support: To assist TEA in providing attendance projections based on actual student-level information, TEA is requesting volunteers of school systems to send TEA any early student data they have collected using the special education funding tool through the [submission of one consolidated Excel file](#) by or on August 14, 2026. This will assist the agency in providing reasonable estimates as the LBB prepares information for the legislature's consideration in the 90th session, which begins in January 2027.
 - Questions or feedback can be directed to spedfunding@tea.texas.gov
- **Instructional Leadership Practices**
 - [Leading Instruction](#) (PDF) Published April 16, 2026
 - Districts engaging in a system of coaching, observation, and feedback will soon be able to utilize a new, free tool to help districts more easily track instructional quality districtwide, including: single-point in time summary of strengths and weaknesses; weekly changes in performance; identification by personnel responsible for performance changes.

- Districts participating in Leadership and Instructional Foundations for Texas (LIFT) and Texas Strategic Leadership (TSL) will begin receiving more information regarding supports and this new, free tool later this spring.
 - For questions regarding LIFT, please reach out to lift@tea.texas.gov.
 - For questions regarding TSL, please reach out to texasstrategicleadership@tea.texas.gov.
- **Next Call: Thursday, May 21, 2026, 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.