

stakeholder surveys or the creation of a rubric), and the percent of students engaging in daily learning (measured by teacher contact, submission of remote assignments, etc.) can be helpful elements to add in times like these. During/after the suspension from normal monitoring, boards can collaborate with the superintendent to review and, if necessary, revise the board's goals and constraints in accordance with the new reality.

## **BOARD TRAININGS**

### ***1. During this time, are school board members required to complete school board trainings outlined in TEC, §11.159 and 19 TAC §61.1? Updated March 30, 2020***

The Commissioner has waived the board training requirements outlined in TEC, §11.159, and 19 TAC §61.1 for all districts until September 1, 2020. Waivers will be automatically granted, pursuant to the Commissioner's general waiver authority under TEC, §7.056. School districts do not need to apply for these automatic waivers. This means that school boards conducting elections in May 2020 will not need to report on board member training hours during their April board meetings. School board members, if needing training to fulfill training requirements, will need to complete the trainings at a later time, when the requirements are reinstated, but can complete training when time allows during this suspension, if trainings are available.

### ***2. Can board trainings still occur during this time? Updated March 30, 2020***

Yes. Board trainings in groups with 10 or more are suspended statewide, at least, until April 3, as we have been ordered to not gather in groups of 10 or more. This could continue beyond April 3 statewide, as the situation is being monitored and is very fluid. Also, local governing bodies such as city councils, city mayors, and county judges may have implemented stricter and longer restrictions governing public gatherings. Board trainings may be provided and taken by board members online or via webinar. If the training requires a live trainer, the training can be provided via webinar or in person if the gatherings are within ordered size restrictions.

### ***3. How do we post a board training, if this is done via webinar or online? Updated March 30, 2020***

If the training is provided to a single school board and a quorum of the board is going to participate in the training, whether this is online, via live webinar, or in person, this is considered a locally authorized board meeting and needs to be posted according to the Open Meetings Act. If the training is a regional workshop, provided by a provider such as an education service center that will host a potential quorum of board members either by webinar or in person, the provider of the regional workshop will need to advertise this training as a regional workshop on their website. A regional workshop does not require local postings. No local postings are required for individual board members taking online trainings, when a quorum of the board is not present.

### ***4. What about my scheduled LSG Workshop? Updated March 30, 2020***