

Leadership Team Times

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Nine copies of this publication will be mailed monthly to the superintendent secretary to be included in the board packets.

Training & Events

HOW'S YOUR ADA?

If your average daily attendance (ADA) is in the 750 range, we want to hear from you. We will be offering the Small School District Seminar again this year at Convention and are considering the following topics: (1) how to ensure students are aware of education and career opportunities outside of their community and (2) sustaining education foundations in tough economic times. If you have an interest in or experiences to share in either area, e-mail lisa.carothers@tasb.org or call **800.580.8272**, extension 3304.

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE?

TASB relies heavily on its membership records to stay in touch and to keep you up-to-date. Information can be modified throughout the year, but updates are especially important following school board elections. Please take a few minutes to ensure that all of your information is current:

- **Superintendents or superintendent secretaries:** If you have new or outgoing trustees or any of your officers have changed, please update your district records through your myTASB account immediately.
- **New board members:** Ask your superintendent or his or her secretary to update district records to include you. Then go to tasb.org and click on "Request Access" under myTASB to complete and submit a request on line. Once your information is submitted, you will receive the *New Board Member Resource Guide*.
- **Existing board members:** Log on to your myTASB account to verify your information and submit updates immediately.
- If you do not remember your user ID or password or you do not have a myTASB account, go to tasb.org and click on "Request Access" under myTASB to complete and submit a request on line.

Questions? Contact Anisa Pope or Michael Pennant at **800.580.8272**, extension 6120.

LEADERSHIP TASB: WHERE LEADERSHIP HAPPENS!

Since its inception in 1993, Leadership TASB (LTASB) has been recognized as the Association's premier leadership program. With almost 500 graduates, it continues to be the leadership program that seeks leaders who will ask the right questions and seek the right solutions. Unique for its sole focus on public education, LTASB is an issue awareness/study program for leaders currently serving on Texas public school boards.

LTASB meets for five sessions in different regions of the state and hosts nationally recognized experts who offer insights into challenges facing Texas public schools. Through this opportunity, LTASB equips leaders with increased knowledge and empowers them to make a difference in their own community and the state.

TASB SPRING WORKSHOPS

- May 6, Alpine
- May 7, Uvalde
- May 12, Commerce
- May 13, Canyon and Temple
- May 14, Abilene
- May 15–16, South Padre
- May 18, Nacogdoches
- May 20, Victoria

SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)

- June 11–13, San Antonio
- June 18–20, Fort Worth

TASA/TASB CONVENTION October 2–4, Houston

TIMELY RESOURCES

- *New Board Member Leadership to Go Package* (includes *Getting Started*, *Parliamentary Procedure*, and *Superintendent Evaluation*)
- *Board President's Leadership to Go Package* (includes *Getting Started*, *Meeting Preparation*, *Parliamentary Procedure*, and *Facilitating Superintendent Evaluation*)

Order these resources on line at tasb.org/store or call **800.580.8272**, extension 2290. Also, see free resources at LTS.tasb.org.

For a complete list of training and events, or to access more details on any of the information referenced in this issue, go to LTS.tasb.org.



Applications for the 2009–10 class will be accepted May 1 through July 1. Request an application at leadershiptasb@tasb.org or **800.580.8272**, extension 6169. Scholarships for both tuition and travel may be requested on the application. In the last two years, total scholarship awards exceeded \$27,000, so don't let fear of costs or economic uncertainty dissuade the leader inside! For more information, visit tasb.org/leadershiptasb.

SIX NEW OLC COURSES PLANNED FOR LATE JUNE ROLLOUT

As TASB's Online Learning Center (OLC) continues to expand its course offerings, we're proud to announce the rollout of six new courses by the end of June: (1) *Quick Tips for New Board Members*, (2) *Parliamentary Procedure*, (3) *Take This Job and Love It*, (4) *Board's Role in Student Achievement*, (5) *Building the Team*, and (6) *What Board Members Need to Know about Data*. Check onlinelearning.tasb.org frequently for new offerings and information.

GRAB YOUR SEAT AT THE LUNCH TABLE FOR A CHARITABLE FOOD FIGHT

Gang up with fellow Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) participants to fight our state's hunger problem. By bringing along a gift of peanut butter and jelly (PB&J) to San Antonio or Fort Worth, you can help area food banks knock out the challenge of poverty in those two regions of Texas.

Nearly one out of every four children and one out of every five adults in Texas lives in poverty and has difficulty meeting basic nutritional needs. The San Antonio Food Bank's 16-county area is affected by especially high rates of hunger, poor nutrition, and related health problems. And in Tarrant County alone, more than 86,000 children are impoverished, and nearly half of all schoolchildren qualify for free and reduced-price lunches.

Good nutrition and good grades go together like PB&J. Spread some charity by dropping off your donation in the collection bin in the SLI registration area.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

by Kay Douglas, LTS senior consultant

It's time to prepare for a new crop of baby board members. Many of you are welcoming newly elected or appointed members to your board. These tips should help them become knowledgeable, productive, and contributing members of your leadership team:

First, figure out how to get them their state-mandated local-district orientation within their first 60 days. Find suggestions for this process at LTS.tasb.org.

Second, sign them up for TASB's Institute for School Trustee Development (TASB ISD), a series of "meat-and-potatoes" courses recommended for new board members. The program's in-depth, interactive, and practical workshops cover the basics of boardsmanship, teamwork, school law, district policy, district planning and accountability, and school budget and finance. Watch for them at both Summer Leadership Institutes in June and Convention in October.

Third, get them into the required one-hour open meetings training within their first 90 days. This session is offered at various TASB events or on video through the TASB Store. *Leadership to GO* packages for both new board members and new board presidents can also be purchased at tasb.org/store.

Fourth, check with your local education service center to find the required Texas Education Code orientation new board members must receive within their first year of service.

Finally, a transition workshop will help new and seasoned board members share ideas on how to take your district to the next level. The end result should be a smooth transition that allows your leadership team to work together for your district.

Reminders

ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- Discuss timing and content for new board member local orientation and options for Open Meetings Act training for new members.
- Discuss possible resolutions to submit for TASB Advocacy Agenda. Deadline is July 1.

DATES/ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER

- **SLI:** Preregistration through June 1 for San Antonio and June 8 for Fort Worth.
- **TASA/TASB CONVENTION:** Housing and registration open June 15. Exhibit of School Architecture entries due June 29.

Contact Us

Leadership Team Times is produced by the TASB Leadership Team Services (LTS) division. For more information about LTS and its training opportunities and services, go to LTS.tasb.org, or contact Lisa Carothers at lisa.carothers@tasb.org with questions or comments.