

**Mid-Winter Breakfast**

January 27, 2015

7:30 a.m.

Radisson Hotel, Austin

**Guest Speakers:**

Jim Nelson, Former Commissioner of Education

Trent Ashby, District 57 State Representative

If you plan on attending the breakfast please complete the [Breakfast Count Form](#)

**Technology****Subject: E-Rate**Lindy McCulloch, [lmcculloch@esc6.net](mailto:lmcculloch@esc6.net), 936-435-8274

E-Rate Reminder: You may now file your district's Form 470 for 2015-2016 funding year. At the current time no details have been released as to actual deadline dates. However, it is time to begin filing. For more information please contact Lindy McCulloch at 936-435-8316.

**Subject: Is Your District Technology Plan Current?**Melissa McClatchy, [mmcclatchy@esc6.net](mailto:mmcclatchy@esc6.net), 936-435-8380

Technology, along with sufficient technology support, is an integral part of preparing our students to be ready for the future that awaits them. The [Long-Range Plan for Technology, 2006-2020](#) (PDF), sets the long term vision for Texas schools while the [Texas School Technology and Readiness \(STaR\) Chart](#) gauges a district's progress in meeting the recommendations in the Long-Range Plan for Technology (LRPT), 2006-2020. TEA requires public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to update their technology plans and submit them each year using the e-Plan system. *Please note the workshop set for January 29, 2015 related to developing technology plans.* [For more information click here.](#)

**Opportunity for Sharing****Opportunity for Sharing****Subject: Region 6 Session Prior to TASB Legislative Conference**Michael Holland, [mholland@esc6.net](mailto:mholland@esc6.net), 936-435-8200Steve Johnson, [sjohnson@esc6.net](mailto:sjohnson@esc6.net), 936-435-8290

On Wednesday, March 25, 2015 TASB will host a [Legislative Conference](#) in Austin at the J.W. Marriott. Region 6 is planning to host an evening meal on the night of March 24, 2015 that will provide the opportunity for sharing legislative issues prior to the TASB conference the next day. Be watching for more information related to this opportunity as the date draws closer.

## Compliance

### Subject: Civil Rights Data

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The Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) due date for the 2013-2014 School Year is January 14, 2015. More information can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/data.html> or you may contact Computer Services at ESC 6 by calling 936-435-8316.



## Legislative

### 84th Legislative Session

#### Key Dates

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The 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative session is rapidly approaching. By the time you read this newsletter the general election will have taken place and all state races will be decided. [The timeline provides details as to the upcoming session.](#)



## News from Texas Education Agency

### Subject: New E-Mail Format at TEA

Last month, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) officially launched a revised version of our agency website. This launch brought with it a new and shorter website URL: [tea.texas.gov](http://tea.texas.gov). As part of the next phase in this transition, the agency will be moving to utilize that shorter URL within every agency email address.

Beginning Dec. 15, 2014, TEA email addresses will transition from the current format of Firstname.Lastname@tea.texas.gov to the shorter Firstname.Lastname@tea.gov.

Please note that any email your district receives from TEA staff will begin coming from “@tea.texas.gov” on that date. I want to stress that both the old email format and new email format will still work in communicating with our agency staff. However, I would encourage changing to the new and shorter format as soon as possible.

In addition, please alert your IT department of this transition to allow the new domain of “@tea.texas.gov” through any spam filters your district may have. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the email transition (or have comments regarding the new agency website), please feel free to contact TEA Communications at [teainfo@tea.texas.gov](mailto:teainfo@tea.texas.gov) (through Dec. 14), [teainfo@tea.texas.gov](mailto:teainfo@tea.texas.gov) (beginning Dec. 15) or calling (512) 463-9000.

Sincerely,  
Michael Williams  
Commissioner of Education

### Subject: Texas public school enrollment climbs again in 2013-2014

Enrollment in Texas public schools continues to climb, growing by 19 percent over the past decade and by more than 59 percent over the past 26 years, according to a new report released by the Texas Education Agency.

The TEA report, Enrollment in Texas Public Schools 2013-2014, documents the ethnically and culturally diverse populations that are increasingly attending the state’s public schools. In 2013-2014, statewide enrollment increased from the previous year by 1.5 percent. With an enrollment of 5,151,925 in 2013-2014, the student body was as follows:

#### 2014 Student Body Populations

##### Group Percentage

Hispanic 51.8	African American 12.7	Multiracial 1.9
White 29.5	Asian 3.7	

The percentages of enrollment accounted for by Asian, Hispanic, and multiracial students increased from 2012-2013 to 2013-2014. The percentage accounted for by African-American students stayed the same. The percentage accounted for by white students decreased. [For more information click here.](#)

### Subject: News from the Division of Grants Administration

Uniform Grants Guidance Bulletin #2: Overview of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200

The Uniform Grants Guidance becomes effective December 26, 2014, and governs all federal grants awarded on or after that date. Grants awarded before December 26, 2014, will continue to be governed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars that were in effect when the grant was awarded. [For more information click here.](#)

## Legislative Priorities for 84th Legislature

### Subject: Upcoming Legislative Session

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Listed below are several links that provide insight as to the legislative priorities of several organizations and professional groups across our state. Please be reminded that none of these priorities reflect the views of ESC 6. This information was obtained from the websites of each organization or group denoted.

### [From Region 6 Cluster Meetings](#)

[North East ISD Legislative Agenda](#)

[State Board of Education Recommendations](#)

[TASA 2015 Legislative Priorities \(TASA\)](#)

[Texas Association of Business \(TAB\)](#)

[Texas Association of Community Schools \(TACS\)](#)

[Texas Association of School Boards \(TASB\)](#)

[Texas PTA Advocacy](#)

## Coming Soon...

**March 24, 2015**

Sharing Opportunity in Austin prior to TASB Legislative Conference

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## [Calendar of Upcoming Events](#)

## Food For Thought

How Legislation Happens

<http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/pubslegref/gtli.pdf>

## February Superintendent's Meeting

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The February meeting will be held in New Caney ISD on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. The topic for this meeting will be the New Appraisal System for Texas Teachers and Principals. Speakers will include individuals from the pilot districts within Region 6 as well as Mr. Tim Regal from the Texas Education Agency. This session will provide the opportunity to gain more insight into the new appraisal system and the training that is set for Spring 2016. The following links provide more information related to this new system:

TEA: <http://goo.gl/kEtQa9>

SEDL: [http://txcc.sedl.org/our\\_work/tx\\_educator\\_evaluation/](http://txcc.sedl.org/our_work/tx_educator_evaluation/)

ESC13: <http://www4.esc13.net/pdas/>

## Upcoming Superintendent Meetings

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January 27, 2015	Mid-Winter Breakfast	Speakers: Jim Nelson, Former Commissioner of Education & Trent Ashby, State Representative-District 57
February 18, 2015	New Caney ISD	Topic: New Teacher & Principal Evaluation
March 2015	Cluster Meetings	TBD
March 4, 2015	ESC 6	School Finance 101
April 15, 2015	ESC 6	Topic: HB 5 Community and Student Engagement
May 20, 2015	ESC 6	Topic: Legislative Actions
June 17-19, 2015	South Shore Harbor	<a href="#">Summer Retreat</a>