Now Accepting Conference Proposals!
If your board has something interesting to share or your district pioneers innovative programs, we want to hear about your success! Go to tasb.org/SLI for more information. Submissions are due Friday, February 28.
Conference Agenda at a Glance

**Wednesday**
3–6 p.m.
Registration for Wednesday–Saturday Attendees

5–8:30 p.m.
Preconference Session: Indicators of Equity (dinner included)

**Thursday**
7–8 a.m.
Registration for Thursday–Saturday Attendees and Breakfast (included in registration fee)

8–9:15 a.m.
General Session

9:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Education Sessions

12:30–1:30 p.m.
Lunch (included in the registration fee)

1:45–4:30 p.m.
Education Sessions

4:30–5:30 p.m.
Reception (Hosted by Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle)

**Friday**
7–8 a.m.
Registration and Breakfast (included in registration fee)

8–9 a.m.
General Sessions

9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Education Sessions

12:30–1:30 p.m.
Lunch (included in registration fee)

1:45–4:30 p.m.
Education Sessions

**Saturday**
7:30–8:30 a.m.
Breakfast

8:30–9:45 a.m.
General Session

10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Postconference Session: SB1566 (lunch included)

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**Wednesday • Preconference**

**Indicators of Equity**

Are you governing a district that is providing an equitable education for all students in your community? How would you know? Often there are systemic barriers to equity, and—as trustees—you need to be able to recognize and challenge them in your role. Join us for an interactive preconference session (included in the SLI registration fee) surveying policies, practices, and outcomes to watch for in your district. These are important questions for your governance team to consider regardless of your district’s size or current demographics. *Dinner will be served during this in-depth session.*

**Saturday • Postconference**

**SB 1566 Training (required biennially)**

Senate Bill 1566 highlights the specific responsibility of school boards to provide oversight and strategic leadership regarding student academic achievement. This in-depth session (included in the SLI registration fee*) enables trustees to embrace this essential board function with tools to understand available student performance data and what it means for student learning, set meaningful goals around student achievement, and make monitoring progress a central part of the board’s work.

*For those not registered for SLI, the cost of attending SB 1566 only is $75, which includes lunch and materials.*
The annual Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) is not only TASB’s flagship training conference: it is also our learning laboratory. SLI is designed to offer new and experienced school trustees a place to create their own learning journey and to ask bold questions.

Our members have a choice to attend the SLI that best fits their schedule and location preference—in San Antonio or Fort Worth. The two events, typically held a week apart, are nearly identical in schedule, session offerings, and general session speakers.

At the heart of SLI is an opportunity for trustees to make connections with one another. It’s a community where members gather to work together in our shared quest to improve Texas school districts and provide students with an exceptional public education.

It is the culture of SLI to support each other and provide examples of what has worked and what has not worked. We invite you to join us at SLI for this exciting learning journey.

“SLI is the hallmark training program for Texas school boards. The training is pertinent, timely, and focused.”
—Joseph Burns, Superintendent, Copperas Cove

Greetings!
In 2017, Dr. Rick Rigsby delivered one of the most passionate speeches ever heard. More than 200 million people worldwide viewed the speech in a video that went viral in just a matter of days.

Rigsby is president and CEO of Rick Rigsby Communications. The former award-winning journalist followed a television career with graduate school, then two decades as a college professor. He spent most of those years at Texas A&M University, where he also served as character coach and chaplain for the Aggie football team.

Dr. Rick’s dynamic presentations motivate, empower, and inspire worldwide. His audiences include Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies, academic communities, and service organizations. The internationally acclaimed speaker is a favorite among professional sports organizations, including the National Football League and the PGA, and he is a regular contributor on various national media platforms, including the Fox Business Network.

Named twice as an outstanding professor in the College of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M, Dr. Rick is the author of numerous publications. His first non-academic book—Lessons from a Third Grade Dropout—is a USA TODAY, Wall Street Journal and Amazon best-seller. His latest book, Afraid to Hope, is now available in markets worldwide.

Gregg Ward is on a mission to transform lives and organizations through his writing, speaking, coaching, consulting, and experiential learning and development programs that focus on respectful leadership, emotional intelligence, and executive presence. His clients include ADP, Booz Allen Hamilton, Bristol-Myers Squibb, IHOP, Intel, Kraft, NASA, The US Navy, and Warner Bros. Studios, among many others.

Gregg’s book, The Respectful Leader: Seven Ways to Influence without Intimidation, was immediately awarded "Best Book of the Month" by Amazon’s Editors when it was released in 2016, and it quickly became a best-seller. In January 2018, it won a Gold Medal in the “Business Fable” category from the prestigious Axiom Business Book Awards competition.


A Board-Certified Coach (BCC), Corporate Executive Coach (MCEC), and executive coach with The Center for Creative Leadership, he has also served as an adjunct professor at San Diego State University and California State University. Gregg has delivered more than 2,500 keynote presentations and talks, training programs, seminars, webinars, and workshops.
Pearl Arredondo was part of a teacher-led team that founded San Fernando Institute for Applied Media (SFiAM), the first pilot middle school established in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She taught for 10 years before becoming the instructional specialist and now principal of SFiAM.

Pearl is passionate about increasing student access to technology and closing the digital divide. She was featured on TED Talks Education and in People Magazine’s My American Dream: Great Success Against All Odds campaign sponsored by Milk Life.

As a Teach Plus Policy Fellow, she met with President Obama’s senior advisors to discuss teacher tenure and elevating the teaching profession. As part of Educators for Excellence, she helped write a series of recommendations titled *Reimagining Tenure: Protecting Our Students and Our Profession*.

Pearl received the Inspirational Teacher Award from United Way of Greater Los Angeles, was named California Woman of the Year from California Assembly District 39, and was honored at the Ford’s Theatre Annual Gala for being an inspirational teacher. She is a tireless advocate for public education and is a role model for young Latinas seeking to make a difference in their communities.
Conference Registration

Online registration for both locations will be available beginning Wednesday, April 29, and will close at 5 p.m. Friday, May 22, for San Antonio and Friday, May 29, for Fort Worth.

Registration Fee
We’re pleased to announce a new ALL-INCLUSIVE REGISTRATION FEE!

The all-inclusive fee of $435 covers all activities beginning Wednesday evening through Saturday morning and includes:

- In-depth preconference session on Wednesday
- Two full days of sessions focused on professional development for school board members
- Required SB 1566 training on Saturday*
- Breakfast Thursday–Saturday
- Lunch Thursday–Saturday
- Refreshment breaks Wednesday–Saturday
- Program materials
- Up to 19 hours of continuing education credit

*If you’re not attending SLI, the cost for the SB 1566 training only is $75.

Reminder
Before you register, be sure to access the complete list of session offerings (posted online in April) for the location of your choice to determine the sessions that will be included with your registration.

After reviewing the session offerings, complete the Session Planning Forms and return them to your superintendent or designee so that he or she may complete your registration.

For the safety and comfort of our attendees, once a session reaches capacity it will no longer be available for selection.

NEW Registration Cancellation Policy
All registrations must be prepaid by check or credit card or include a school district purchase order. TASB has changed its cancellation policy, including the addition of a cancellation fee. If you sign up but are unable to attend SLI, please refer to the event website, tasb.org/SLI, for cancellation information.
Hotel Reservations

Housing Opens Wednesday, April 1
Housing for both SLI locations opens online at tasb.org/SLI beginning 9 a.m. CST, Wednesday, April 1. All reservation requests must be made with Convention Housing Management (CHM), the official SLI housing coordinator, either online at tasb.org/SLI or by calling 800.563.6493. If you have any other questions, you can email sli@chmrooms.com.

Deposits and Cancellations
Friday, May 15: Deposit and rooming list deadline
Friday, May 29: Last day to cancel without penalty. The housing website closes, but call CHM if you need to make changes or for new reservations.

Selecting Hotels
SLI main events (general sessions and meals) will take place at the Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio and the Omni in Fort Worth.

Conference hotels at both locations are available at varying price points. Go to tasb.org/SLI for current housing information.

Summer Leadership Institute is the flagship training event for Texas public school trustees!
Questions?

Visit tasb.org/SLI for details, or refer to the following:

**Housing**
Email sli@chmrooms.com or call 800.563.6493.
For additional help with housing, email mandy.begley@tasb.org or call 800.580.8272, extension 2461.

**Registration**
Email registrar@tasb.org.

**Additional Questions**
Email kathy.dundee@tasb.org or call 800.580.8272, extension 2462.

Special Needs?

Would you like us to address any special needs? To rent a motorized scooter or wheelchair at the event, or if you would like us to address another special need, email Mandy Begley at mandy.begley@tasb.org or call 800.580.8272, extension 2461.