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Dear TASB member,

It has been inspiring to see districts successfully overcome many changes this spring. You have been service-oriented, creative, and flexible. You have been impressive! Now it is TASB’s turn to deal with a change.

TASB staff is creating a virtual Summer Leadership Institute for you June 24–26, and we are dedicated to providing an outstanding training event, even if we can’t gather in person. We had been holding out hope that we would be able to host our traditional Summer Leadership Institute conferences in San Antonio and Fort Worth in June, but now we see that in-person gatherings of that size are not yet advisable.

It has certainly been a spring of changed plans and cancellations, but we are determined to serve you regardless of unexpected alterations to original plans.

- First, we will work with you to help you ease through the cancellations and refunds. For instance, if you paid for your SLI registration with a credit card, we will refund that. If you provided a purchase order number, you will not be invoiced. You will be contacted by Convention Housing Management (CHM) about canceling housing arrangements.
- Second, the Legislative Advisory Council (LAC) meeting also is going virtual. We will let you know about alternate scheduling soon.
- Third, we are busy making arrangements with speakers and will send information to you soon about which training sessions will be included in the new version of SLI. Registration for the virtual event will open June 1.

As the saying goes, the show must go on, and high-quality training for trustees must go on as well. This year, however, it must go on in a virtual setting. We plan to produce an event you won’t want to miss!

We will post additional information on the SLI event page as it becomes available. In the meantime, please don’t hesitate to contact us at tasb@tasb.org or at 800-580-8272.

Your friends at TASB