

# Leadership Team Times

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## Leadership Team Times to be Distributed Quarterly

Times are a'changing! *Leadership Team Times*, in conjunction with *Governance Digest*, will now be published quarterly instead of monthly. We will still be bringing you helpful updates and timely information when you need it most.

## Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Board Honored at TASA/TASB Convention

The Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Board of Trustees was named the 2018 Outstanding School Board at this year's TASA/TASB Convention.



Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, located in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, serves nearly 14,000 students.

The committee was impressed by how the board views themselves as “visionary volunteers”—servant leaders giving the district direction for the future by ensuring all decisions align with the district’s LEAD 2021 strategic plan. The committee also commended the board for being willing to take risks by promoting advocacy and a culture of voting that amplifies student voice, and also for transforming the district’s culture to ensure a learner-centered focus in the classroom.

The other four finalists, or “Honor Boards,” that were recognized included Brenham ISD, Region 6; Community ISD, Region 10; Lamar Consolidated ISD, Region 4; and Medina Valley ISD, Region 20.

## Have you heard the eXceptional news?



The XG (eXceptional Governance) Summit is back and better than ever. This year’s summit, January 10–11 in Austin, provides you more opportunities to learn, discover, and network than ever before! Programming will include a number of top-tier student governance experts, including Bill McCaw, Ivan Lorentzen, Meredith Mountford, David Lee, Bobby Blount, and Texas school districts sharing best practices.

Registration and housing are open, and there are a number of ways for you and your board team to save on registration fees! Early bird registration deadline is December 20, so get signed up today.

Visit [xg.tasb.org](http://xg.tasb.org) for more information about TASB’s 2019 XG Summit.

## Training, Events, & Reminders

**TASB Online Learning Center (OLC):** Be sure to check out some new offerings.

**XG Summit**  
January 10–11

**Winter Governance Seminar**  
February 21–23

For more information  
e-mail [LTS@tasb.org](mailto:LTS@tasb.org)  
or call **800.580.8272**,  
**ext. 2452.**

## Did You Know?

This year’s TASA/TASB Convention attendees reported the highest number of CEC Mobile users ever! It has never been easier to use CEC Mobile, TASB’s credit reporting app. Be sure all of your credit hours are logged before end-of-year CEC announcements are made!

## Winter Governance Seminar, Powered by Student Voices



Mark your calendars for the 2019 Winter Governance Seminar (WGS), February 21–23, at the Galveston Island Convention Center. TASB staff is excited about the lineup of engaging general sessions and a variety of student-focused activities unique to WGS.

What started as a lunch panel of high school seniors sharing about their public education experiences has evolved into a full day of education presented (or co-presented) by students, plus a string of student performances. Last year was the first time that students were able to attend sessions (at no charge) alongside board members. The dialogue that took place between the young adults and trustees was rich and honest, and everyone who participated was positively impacted by the conversations and left understanding one another more.

New in 2019, student groups will travel to Galveston to showcase unique and brilliant projects from their home districts. This platform has been branded Students Inspired because the inspiration flows both ways—students to board members and vice versa. The WGS team is excited to give these bright students a platform to showcase and demonstrate their beliefs, trades, hobbies, and experiences in an exhibition-like setting.

We're still looking for districts to submit sessions about board leadership, successful programs, and ways to improve student outcomes/achievement. There are also opportunities available for student-led sessions focused on initiatives, findings, and projects that have made a difference in their schools. *Session applications may be found*

*online at [tasb.org/wgs](http://tasb.org/wgs) and are due December 7.*

Get ready for a fun time on Galveston Island—pack your sandals, sunglasses, and sunscreen because this year's line-up is looking bright!

For more information, contact **kathy.dundee@tasb.org** or **mandy.begley@tasb.org**.

## How Is Your Board Performing?

TASB partnered with another state school boards association to bring you the board self-assessment that Ivan Lorentzen and Bill McCaw used in their study of specific actions of school boards that relate to student achievement. We are making this available to all Texas school boards at no charge. This statistically validated board self-assessment tool may be the only one of its kind. By participating in this survey, your answers are shared and used in research on what school boards do in Texas that relates to student achievement. TASB will keep your identity confidential within the limits allowed by the technology and by law. The collective data from districts across Texas will increase knowledge about actions of school boards that may relate to improving student outcomes. For more information and to access your direct link to the assessment, e-mail **LTS@tasb.org**. The deadline to participate in the first round of this study is November 15.

## Timely Resources

These TASB resources may be especially useful this time of year:

- SB 1566: Governance for Improved Student Learning
- The Board's Role in Improving Student Achievement

Go to **LTS.tasb.org** for a complete list of resources.

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