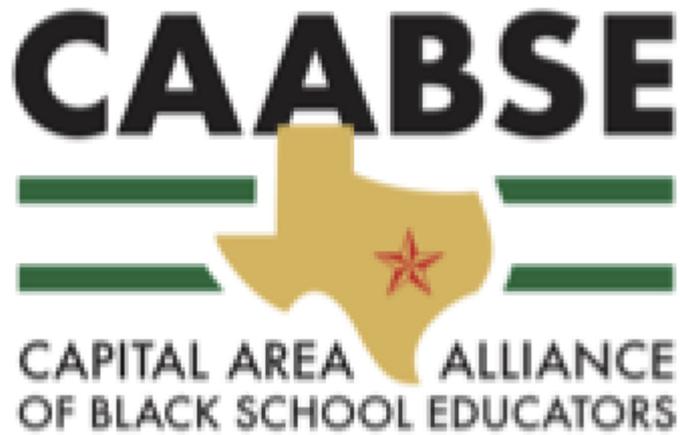


Welcome Back!

CAABSE celebrates the return to school.



Greetings, CAABSE members and Supporters!

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our own self-care. While we celebrate having a strong work ethic and professional success, equally important are down-time, time for self-reflection, and our personal goals and relationships.

The CAABSE Executive Board and Committee Chairs have been working to prepare a strong start to the 2021-2022 school year. Our membership committee has partnered with local churches to provide assistance with Back to School materials for students. By providing a financial donation, as well as assistance with distribution, CAABSE is committed to a strong start for students for this school year.

Additionally, CAABSE won a grant from United Way to support literacy in our Central Texas Schools! Find out more about how CAABSE supports literacy at our first virtual meeting of the school year, on **August 17, 2021!**

We are thrilled to support Black students, Black educators, and those who work for the advancement of Black students in Central Texas. Join a committee and be a part of our strategic planning to make CAABSE a success!



CAABSE cordially invites all members and supporters to our Fall 2021 Virtual Kick-off Meeting!

Let's meet, greet, and share our strategic plan for 2021-2022!

CAABSE Fall Kickoff Event

Tuesday, August 17, 2021
5:30 – 7:00pm

Google Meet joining info
Video call link:
<http://meet.google.com/pqa-mjow-moz>
Or dial: (US) +1 413-829-7931 PIN: 606 186 843#

SAVE THE DATE:
CAABSE Fall Meet and Greet: Tuesday, September 21, 2021@5:30pm
The Long Branch Saloon
107 W. Main St.
Round Rock, TX 78664

CAABSE Back to School Virtual Kickoff Event!

When

Tuesday, Aug. 17th, 5:30-7pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

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CAABSE Meet and Greet and Membership Drive!

CAABSE



FALL MEET AND GREET AND HAPPY HOUR



Tuesday, September 21, 2021 @5:30pm

La Esquina Cantina

(Across from the Round Rock Public library)

300 E. Main St.

Round Rock, TX 78664

Bring a friend or colleague to join CAABSE! Membership dues are used partly to fund scholarship awards for students and fellow educators from the Capital Area. Join today at caabse.org

A socially distanced fall kick off meeting to support Black students and educators in the Capital Area

Network with fellow educators and those invested in the lives of Black students

Learn about our plans for the 2021-2022 School year

Prospective Members are welcome!

CAPITAL AREA ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS

Thanks to our sponsors:

La Esquina Cantina
Brown-Forman Distributors
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2 Opportunities to Serve!

We are excited to partner with local churches and their mission to support families as they prepare to return to school. Additionally, this venture affords us the opportunity to branch out and recruit new members. CAABSE members are asked to assist with the distribution of Back to School items for students! Please join us at:

1. Mount Sinai Baptist Church

8500 Cameron Road

Austin, TX

August 8, 2021 at 11 a.m.

The Mount is giving backpacks and supplies to families and we will be allowed to help disseminate them. We are giving a small donation to the church to help their efforts.

2. Sweet Home Baptist Church

Round Rock, TX

August 15, 2021 at 11 a.m.

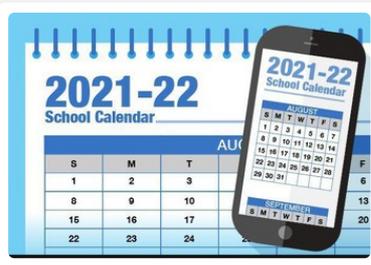
The Pinnacle of Praise is giving out swag bags to students. In the bag will be a shirt saying "Love the Skin You Are In" while they have been passing out gift cards to families needing support for school supplies. We are giving a small donation to support their efforts and will help them pass out the swag bags.

Trana Allen is the contact for this outreach. She can be reached at 512.667.4786. Church members representing us directly are:

Mount Sinai - Rochelle Snearl

Sweet Home - Sherry Jackson

Back To School Capital Area School District Information



District Calendars

[Pflugerville ISD](#)

[Austin ISD](#)

[Round Rock ISD](#)

[Leander ISD](#)



District Registration
Information



TEA Recommended
Covid-19 Protocols

In a nutshell, the Texas Education Agency recommends that a Learning Education Agencies (LEAs) refer to the guidelines provided by the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#). Click [here](#) read the TEA statement.

TEACHER FEATURES



Federal Student Aid: Public Service Loan Forgiveness

If you are employed by a U.S. federal, state, local, or tribal government or not-for-profit organization, you might be eligible for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

<https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>



Pets in the Classroom Grant

Pets in the Classroom is an educational grant program that provides financial support to teachers to purchase and maintain small animals in the classroom.

The program was established by the Pet Care Trust to provide children with an opportunity to interact with pets—an experience that can help to shape their lives for years to come.

<https://www.petsintheclassroom.org/>



Texas Classroom Teacher Association 2021 List of Discounts

Here's a list of places that offer discounts to educators nationwide. For most of these deals, you simply show your school ID to qualify. Others have online verification systems or forms to fill out to prove you are employed by a public school.

https://tcta.org/node/15323-discounts_for_teachers

BECOME A MEMEBER OF CAABSE

Use this button to access the CAABSE website to become a member today!

Categories of Membership

We invite you to join our new organization! There are multiple ways to get involved.

A. General Membership.....

- Exempt (Teachers, Counselors, Librarians, etc, Administrators)——\$50.00
- Non-Exempt (Paraprofessional and Auxiliary\$25.00
- Full-time College of Education students in undergrad.....\$10.00

B. Associate membership

- Parents.....\$25.00
- Retired Educators.....\$25.00
- Businesses.....\$25.00

C. High School Student membership..... Fee Waived

Please visit our website below to join now!

TEXAS EDUCATION LEGISLATION

by Shachon Leaf

Executive Order GA-36

On May 18, 2021, Governor Abbott declared that districts and charter schools cannot require students, nor staff to wear masks (Executive Order GA-36). Furthermore, schools are required to open at full capacity, which will eliminate social distancing, in most cases. As COVID-19 cases rise in Central Texas many wonder how to protect themselves and their students from the disease. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) recommends that local education agencies (LEAs) “refer to practices recommended by the [CDC](#)”.

Reference: https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-36_prohibition_on_mandating_face_coverings_response_to_COVID-19_disaster_IMAGE_05-18-2021.pdf

HB-4545

On June 16, 2021, General House Bill 4545 was passed by Texas legislators. Essentially, the law mandates LEAs to provide accelerated instruction to third through eighth grade students who did not pass the STAAR, STAAR Alternative, or End of Course (EOC) Assessment in 2020-2021.

What does this look like? Districts must assign these students to master or exemplary teachers. It is strongly recommended that students must be tutored in a group of three or less. Additionally, the Accelerated Learning Committee will outline an instruction plan for students in grades third, fifth, and eighth grades. The minimum threshold of time required is 30 hours per subject (math and/or reading).

Finally, students must be tutored during a scheduled intervention time that does not conflict with core subjects, recess or specific enrichment class. For more information on HB-4545 click [here](#).

Reference: <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/tclas-faq.pdf>

ESSER - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

Recently, school districts all across the Nation were granted funding to address the impact of COVID-19 on communities. This grant called the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) aims to provide sub-grants to public school systems that need supplemental resources in order to address the impact this Pandemic has brought upon our children and families. The State of Texas recently awarded funding amounts to school districts across the state. Each district and charter school system must apply for the grant by submitting proposals to TEA that will include how they will support students impacted by learning loss and other social/emotional challenges. For more information on the use of ESSER please go to the following link: [ESSER FAQ](#).

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www.nabse.org

Join a CAABSE Committee!

Our committees make the magic happen! We need your support for the 2021-2022 School year! Please email one of the committee chairs listed below to learn how you can be involved.

Membership Committee: Trana Allen - President-Elect@caabse.org

The duties of this Committee shall be to identify mechanisms for "marketing" CAABSE to individuals and institutions so that the number of members increases annually.

Finance Committee: Kenisha Coburn - Treasurer@caabse.org

The duties of the Financial/Fund Raising Committee shall be to identify programs for raising funds to support the Alliance's operation and activities, identify possible sources of grant and gift funds, and participate in direct fundraising activities.

The duties of the scholarship Committee shall be to identify scholarship recipients and the process for CAABSE awards/honors. Additionally, the scholarship committee will determine ways to fund continued learning opportunities for CAABSE members.

Legislation Committee: Jonathan Smith- jonsvatx@gmail.com

The duties of the Public Policy and Legislation Committee may include the advocacy of legislation and policy that affect education, especially the education of black children. During legislative years this committee may participate in activities at the capital. During non-legislative years this committee may participate in advocacy and networking that may be addressed in the year to come

Programs Committee: Sonya Jackson - Sonya.jackson0468@yahoo.com

The Program Committee shall commit to the educational development of the community that advances black students, their families, and educators who support black students

Conference Committee: Hutcherson Hill - President@caabse.org

This committee will work to influence and support the TABSE conference as a representative of CAABSE.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

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