



June 13, 2026

Texas State Board of Education
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas, 78701

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Re: Availability of the SB 204 parental-rights trustee training and the September 1, 2026 completion deadline

Dear Chair Kinsey, Vice Chair Little, and Members of the Board:

Our members have flagged a time-sensitive concern about the parental-rights training that Senate Bill 204 (89th Legislature, Regular Session) requires of school board trustees, and I write to bring it to your attention before the Board's June meeting.

SB 204 added Texas Education Code § 11.159(b-2), directing the State Board of Education, with assistance from the Texas Education Agency, to develop and make the training available, and to require trustees to complete it. The bill also established certain deadlines: the training was to be developed and made available by April 1, 2026, and trustees who took office before January 1, 2026 are to complete the training by September 1, 2026.

As of this writing, it is our understanding that the training has not yet been made available to trustees. The April 1 availability date has passed, yet the September 1 completion deadline remains fixed. That gap places trustees in the difficult position of being obligated to complete a training—understood to be a five-hour course—within a window that continues to narrow through no fault of their own.

We respectfully request the Board's assistance on two points:

1. **A definite availability date.** Can the Board advise when the training will be made available to trustees? A firm date will allow districts and trustees to schedule completion.
2. **Relief on the completion timeline for this first year.** Because the training's availability has been delayed past the April 1 date, we ask the Board to extend the completion deadline for this initial cycle—to at least January 1, 2027—or, if the September 1, 2026 date is not within the Board's authority to move, to exercise whatever discretion the Board does have to avoid penalizing trustees for a delay outside their control.

Once the course is available, we are happy to help communicate the requirement and timeline to our members.

Thank you for your service to the state of Texas. You can reach me at kelly.rasti@tasb.org with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Rasti".

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