DATE:	November 9, 2023
SUBJECT:	Blended Learning PD Reimbursements for the 2023-2024 School Year
CATEGORY:	Reimbursement Opportunity
NEXT STEPS:	Share with curriculum & instructional staff, campus leaders

Blended learning combines online learning with face-to-face teacher-led instruction to effectively support differentiate instruction for all students. High-quality professional development (PD) for educators is a foundational component of successful blended learning (BL) implementation that leads to improved academic outcomes for students. **To assist school systems in high-fidelity implementation of blended learning, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will reimburse school districts and open-enrollment charter schools (local educational agencies or LEAs) for blended learning professional development programs from qualifying providers.** This funding is provided by Rider 49 of the General Appropriations Act of the 88th Texas Legislature.

Qualified programs for 2023-2024 school year are the following:
UTeach Blended Learning Professional Development

- Blended Learning PD courses are available in either virtual or in-person formats and made available for both teachers and administrative personnel.
- **Courses and Cost information are found at 2023-2024 UTeach BL PD Courses**
- To register, contact UTeach at the University of Texas at Austin: pdinfo@uteach.utexas.edu
- For more details, visit the website: https://pd.uteach.utexas.edu/courses

UT High School (UTHS) Blended Learning Professional Development
- UTHS offers online professional development courses facilitated by specialists with expertise in blended learning implementation for teachers and administrators.
- To request more information on BL courses, please visit at **UT HS BL PD Courses.**
- Contact at UTHSpartner@austin.utexas.edu or 512-232-3503 to schedule an appointment with a UTHS blended learning specialist.

Note: This professional development is intended to align the core instructional content of the classroom with the online software component.

Process for Approval of Reimbursements:
1. The LEA contacts the PD provider, completes provider-created readiness materials, and submits the list of educators to be enrolled in the program to the PD provider.
2. TEA and the PD provider will review a readiness assessment and approve LEA and educator eligibility for reimbursements.
3. Once approval is obtained, the LEA pays the cost of the selected program and educators begin the PD program; and
4. Upon verified educator completion of the program, TEA will reimburse the LEA.

Please note:

1. Reimbursements will be approved based on the availability of funds and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. For the 2023-2024 school year, PD programs must be completed by August 31, 2024, to be eligible for reimbursement.

For additional information or assistance, please send an email to blendedlearning@tea.texas.gov.