



To the Superintendent Addressed:

As the 2006 President of the Texas Statewide Network of Assessment Professionals (T-SNAP), I am pleased to announce the upcoming **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Academy for New District Testing Coordinators and 2nd Annual Training Academy for “Not So New” District Testing Coordinators**. T-SNAP is a professional organization of individuals whose mission is to work with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Pearson Educational Measurement (Texas’s state testing contractor) to collaborate, network, and distribute timely information regarding the Texas Assessment Program to district and charter users, especially testing coordinators.

The Annual Training Academy’s are a special joint project of T-SNAP, TEA, and Pearson, which is offered as a **FREE** service to coordinators who have the key position of coordinating the Texas Assessment Program for your districts. This highly successful one-day workshop is designed specifically to provide district testing coordinators with vital information about planning, managing, and facilitating the complex statewide testing programs which include TAKS, TAAS, SDAA II, and TELPAS. Because of available space, only **one** testing coordinator per school district may attend. Each day is limited to the first 125 who register.

Presenters at the Academy include T-SNAP members from across Texas, TEA Student Assessment staff members, and representatives from Pearson Educational Measurement. The Academy provides information regarding the district testing coordinator’s role from start to finish (see attached agenda). Handouts and samples of management documents are also included. Additionally, an optional tour of the Pearson Scoring facility is offered so that test coordinators can observe first-hand the “behind the scenes” activities that occur when testing materials are processed and scored. Meeting and networking with assessment personnel in other districts is yet another benefit derived from attending the Academy.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Academy for New District Testing Coordinators**

*For District Testing Coordinators with one year or less experience*

Tuesday, September 12 or Wednesday, September 13, 2006

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Training Academy for “Not So New” District Testing Coordinators**

*For District Testing Coordinators with five years or less experience*

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Pearson Scoring Center, Austin, Texas

Please wear comfortable, closed toe shoes for the Pearson Facility Tour.

You and your test coordinator are also encouraged to join T-SNAP, a growing professional organization with your best interests at heart. We strive to provide various networking services including sponsorship of the Texas Assessment Conference held each year in Austin. Membership information is available at [www.tsnap.com](http://www.tsnap.com) and also in this mailing. Please consider joining our organization and network with us. We are THE assessment organization in Texas.

The Academy preliminary agenda, registration information, map, lodging information, and T-SNAP membership applications are enclosed with this announcement. On behalf of T-SNAP, TEA, and Pearson, I look forward to meeting you in Austin at the Training Academy.

Sincerely,

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