



Greetings to District and Charter School Testing Coordinators:

As the 2007 President of the Texas Statewide Network of Assessment Professionals (T-SNAP), I am pleased to announce the upcoming **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Academy for New District Testing Coordinators** and **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Training Academy for “Not So New” District Testing Coordinators**. T-SNAP is a professional organization whose mission is to collaborate with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Educational Measurement group of Pearson in providing critical information regarding the Texas Assessment Program to Texas educators, especially testing coordinators.

The annual training academies are a special joint project of T-SNAP, TEA, and Pearson and are offered as a free service to individuals who have the key position of coordinating the Texas Assessment Program for their districts or charter schools. 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, TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS-Modified (TAKS-M), TAKS-Alternate (TAKS-Alt), TELPAS, and TAAS. 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 academies include T-SNAP members from across Texas, TEA Student Assessment staff members, and representatives from the Educational Measurement group of Pearson. The academies provide 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 an additional benefit derived from attending the Academy.

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

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

Tuesday, September 25 or Wednesday, September 26, 2007

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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

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

Tuesday, September 18 or Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Pearson, Austin Operations Center, 400 Center Ridge Drive, Austin, TX

You are also encouraged to join T-SNAP, a growing organization with your best interests at heart. We strive to provide support to districts through sponsorship of the academies, the Texas Assessment Conference, which is held each year in Austin, and quarterly teleconferences. Membership information is available at [www.tsnap.com](http://www.tsnap.com) and also in this mailing.

The preliminary academy agendas, registration information, map, lodging information, and T-SNAP membership application are enclosed with this announcement. On behalf of T-SNAP, TEA, and Pearson, I look forward to your participation in one of our academies.

Sincerely,

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