

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

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Lone Star TIA Update

Board Goal:

- Establish quality staff development programs that promote professional learning communities
- Stay abreast of and incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology and leadership
- Actively pursue, foster and support an advanced learning environment
- Foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students

Purpose of Report

- The purpose of this workshop is to update the Board regarding the planning progress of the upcoming 2015 Lone Star TIA (Technology In Action) conference hosted by Denton ISD

Objectives

- To provide Denton ISD staff with quality professional development that focuses on integrating technology into the learning environment so that our students are ready for 21st century success
- To provide our community (residents, business professionals, community members, etc...) with quality professional development that focuses on technology, social media, and productivity tools
- To provide outside-of-district educators with a low cost, quality professional development opportunity that features many of the large conference amenities (vendors, hands on workshops, certifications, etc...)
- To showcase Denton ISD as a leader of learning and promote the positive initiatives happening within our district

Operational Impact

- Lone Star TIA is currently a self-funded event (via participant registration, vendor sponsorships, and donations)
- District funds are not required to produce this event
- The conference is hosted in a Denton ISD facility (Ryan HS)
- This annual conference is held in mid to late July (this year, July 21 & 22)

Results

As a result of the Lone Star TIA conference:

- Denton ISD teachers will be better equipped to effectively infuse technology into their learning environment
- Students will be better prepared for college and the 21st century workplace as their teachers are utilizing the strategies and techniques that TIA provides
- Outside-of-district stakeholders (community members, visiting educators, business professionals, etc...) will acquire valuable skills regarding technology and gain deeper insight into Denton ISD and the positive happenings that are taking place in our district/community