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Mr. Alim Ansari, Superintendent
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With the recent revisions to the Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills and the **increased performance standards** in our new A-F state accountability system, it is even more important for Texas educators to have access to a rigorous curriculum. The TEKS Resource System (TRS) is a quality curriculum that defines the continuum of learning in each core content area. TRS is **consistently updated** by a state team of curriculum specialists to ensure that educators can effectively plan and spend more time focusing on student needs.

As you continue to support your teachers and students through the investment in the TEKS Resource System Curriculum Management Program (TCMPC) for the 2018-2019 school year, we would like to highlight **new instructional resources** for recently revised or streamlined TEKS (ELAR/SLAR and science) that your teachers may access to improve the delivery of instruction and student outcomes such as the:

Streamlined Science

- Science TEKS Clarification and TEKS Verification Documents
- Revised Overarching Understandings and Questions
- Vertical Vocabulary and Equipment List
- New Science Courses: (Anatomy Physiology and Forensics Science)
- Performance Assessment Rubrics

Revised ELAR & SLAR

- Draft YAGS and TVD's
- New Specificity
- Draft K-8 Instructional Focus Documents
- HS Instructional Focus Documents (begins summer 2018)
- K-8 Assessment Bank (begins fall 2018)

Utilizing the TEKS Resource System with fidelity ensures a **guaranteed and viable curriculum** for the students in your district and is a critical first step in ensuring increased academic performance. Additionally, our ESC staff will enhance the implementation of TEKS Resource System through on-site technical assistance and regional **"Planning for Mastery" professional development support**.

The TEKS Resource System 2018-2019 district commitment form, sole source letter and TRS brochure are included with the correspondence for your review. Please sign and return the district commitment form to Olga Garza, Lead Program Assistant ogarza@esc1.net or fax to 956-984-7641 by **June 15, 2018**. If you would like more information regarding the TEKS Resource System, please call or email Kelly K. VanHee or Liana I. Martinez.

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Sincerely,



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