

**Beeville ISD
Board of Trustees
T-STEM Grant Update**

On January 19, Beeville ISD submitted a grant application to the Texas Education Agency for the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (T-STEM) Network Acceleration Grant. This is a grant for AC Jones High School in the amount of \$50,000. We worked with Phyllis Williams, grant writer with Solutions *Limited* in Bay City, Texas.

The purpose of the T-STEM Network Acceleration grant program is to increase student achievement in math and science by providing resources to eligible high school campuses to analyze student achievement data in math and science and to use the findings from the data to prescribe an instructional plan, implement highly effective math and science acceleration strategies, and make data driven decisions for continuous improvement. Recipients of this grant will also become participants of the T-STEM Network by committing to the campus improvement of one of the three T-STEM core elements.

The goals of the T-STEM Network Acceleration grant program are to:

- improve student performance in math and science on the TAKS;
- improve the participation rate and performance of student groups with persistent performance gaps in math and science in advanced math and science coursework in high school;
- increase the participation rate and performance of students pursuing postsecondary level coursework in a STEM field; and
- establish a statewide best practices network for STEM education to promote broad dissemination and adoption of promising practices from the T-STEM Initiative.

If the grant is successfully funded, it will provide staff development to the math and science teachers at AC Jones. AC Jones was the only BISD campus that qualified for this grant because they had less than 50% of students pass math and/or science at one or more grades. We hope to find out if the grant was funded by May 2007, so that activities for the summer and the start of school may begin. When more information is received, another update will be provided.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Jones
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