Date: March 2, 2020   **Division**: Learning and Teaching

Subject: Technology in Learning: Canvas/Peer Collaboration

Background Information:
- The 2018-2023 Long Range Plan for Technology focuses on Building a Stronger Texas through the following strategic goals:

  o **Personalized, Flexible, Empowered Learning:** Adaptive and individualized learning based on students needs and abilities

  o **Equitable Access:** Fair and equal opportunities for all students to take full advantage of their education

  o **DigitalCitizenship:** Responsible, safe, respectful, and legal use of technology

  o **Safety and Security:** Environment free of physical, eotional, and digital harm or risk

  o **Collaborative Leadership:** Consensus-oriented decision making by multiple stakeholders to achieve shared goals

  o **Reliable Infrastructure:** Available, trusted technology components to support organizational goals.

- During the summer leading up to the 2019-20 school year, each content area choose one student assignment type for teachers to learn about and incorporate in their course design. The types of assignments content areas selected were:
  o **Audio/Video Assignments:** Fine Arts, Special Education, Social Studies, PE/Health/Outdoor Education/Athletics, World Language, CTE
  o **PDF Annotated Assignments:** Math and Science
  o **Peer Review and Rubric Creation:** English/ELAR

- This learning continued in the Fall semester. Campuses could choose their monthly topic to be provided via a campus created Canvas course, face-to-face meetings during conference periods, or face-to-face meetings during staff meetings.

Administrative Consideration:
- Karen Sealy, Annette McManus, Sean Hood, and Michele Jacobsen will model the use of Peer Collaboration in Canvas.

- Recall the Canvas Learning Management System is the most frequently used system with the highest number of users adopted by institutions of higher education.

- A learning management system is a digital platform that provides:

- o Students easy accessibility to course information, course resources, assignment completion, feedback, and assessment, all within one platform
- o Teachers: a way to create and deliver content, monitor student participation, and assess student performance, all within one platform
- Recall that not only is Canvas used as a learning management system with students but it is also now the system where online courses are created for teacher and staff professional learning.