

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

December 10, 2013

A New Vision for Public Education in Texas Consortium

Board Goal:

Teaching & Learning... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- a. cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessment that supports all students
- b. advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates

Climate... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- a. motivate and prepare students to embrace their full responsibilities as active citizens of their community, nation, and world

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the DISD trustees of the work of the High Performing School Coalition and the TASA Visioning document

Objectives

To advance the principles described the vision document, the consortium districts are charged with improving student learning in the state of Texas through innovation in four areas:

- development of high priority learning standards
- use of multiple assessments to measure learning
- integration of technology into student learning
- creation of robust community based accountability systems.

Operational Impact

Consortium member districts pledge to share ideas, resources, and results with all transformation partner districts. The district will have the benefit of learning with innovative leaders committed to the vision principles and to creating future ready learners. In addition, the district will have access to TASA's school transformation supports, including such things as access to national leaders in educational innovation, research on key transformation initiatives, and direct in district services supporting our work.

Results

To join in this important work, please complete and submit the online Consortium Associates Application. Be prepared to commit to the items listed above, as well as provide the following:

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- A brief description of your district's purpose and rationale for joining the transformation work of the Consortium, including current transformation efforts and any evidence of board/community support for this work
- Selection of one or more of the following Consortium working groups your district will be willing to join
 - Development of high priority learning standards
 - Use of multiple assessments to measure learning
 - Digital integration into student learning
 - Community based accountability systems

Attachments

HPSC Invitation
Consortium Application