



# ***EXECUTIVE BRIEFING***

***Thursday, November 5, 2009***

Region 17 ESC  
1111 West Loop 289 • Lubbock, Texas 79416

## **MORNING GENERAL SESSION**

- 9:00 – 9:15      Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 – 10:00    State of the State: Distance Learning in Texas  
Question & Answer session
- 10:00 – 10:15    BREAK & NETWORKING
- 10:15 – 11:30    Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) Update  
*Central Operations*  
*Course Review*
- 11:30 – 12:30    LUNCH *(on your own)*

## **AFTERNOON BREAK OUT SESSIONS**

- 12:45 – 1:45    SESSIONS (select one from schedule)
- 1:45 – 2:00      BREAK & NETWORKING
- 2:00 – 3:00      SESSIONS (select one from schedule)

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**Afternoon Break Out Sessions**

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<p><b>Getting Connected Statewide: Providing TxVSN Courses</b></p> <p><i>With the increasing number of online programs available to schools, many educators and policymakers wonder: "How good are these programs and courses?" Learn how local education agencies become Texas Virtual School Network providers and the process to ensure rigorous courses and quality support services are available to your students.</i></p>	<p><b>Creating Quality and Rigor in Online Courses</b></p> <p><i>Online learning and course delivery has changed! The quality and rigor of online courses offered to students today far surpasses the traditional correspondence courses of a decade ago. Learn more about what it takes for an online course to be approved for use through the Texas Virtual School Network.</i></p>	<p><b>A Look Inside a TxVSN Course</b></p> <p><i>Take a guided tour of a TxVSN course with one of our approved course providers. View the syllabus, structure, scope and sequence, and a sample activity for the course. Subject areas viewed may include Math, BCIS, and Foreign Language/LOTE.</i></p>	<p><b>Planning Steps to Receive Online Courses/Role of the Site Coordinator</b></p> <p><i>There are several important steps in your planning framework to consider before helping your students 'get connected' with TxVSN. One of these steps is designating a Site Coordinator to serve as a mentor to students and as a liaison to TxVSN Central Operations.</i></p>
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
<p><b>Professional Development for Online Teachers</b></p> <p><i>As more K-12 students use web-based courses, schools should carefully select, train and evaluate teachers to ensure that every Web-based course is taught by a high-quality teacher. Come and learn the essentials of quality online teaching and the importance of effective training!</i></p>	<p><b>Creating Quality and Rigor in Online Courses</b></p> <p><i>Online learning and course delivery has changed! The quality and rigor of online courses offered to students today far surpasses the traditional correspondence courses of a decade ago. Learn more about what it takes for an online course to be approved for use through the Texas Virtual School Network.</i></p>	<p><b>A Look Inside a TxVSN Course</b></p> <p><i>Take a guided tour of a TxVSN course with one of our approved course providers. View the syllabus, structure, scope and sequence, and a sample activity for the course. Subject areas viewed may include Math, BCIS, and Foreign Language/LOTE.</i></p>	<p><b>Planning Steps to Receive Online Courses/Role of the Site Coordinator</b></p> <p><i>There are several important steps in your planning framework to consider before helping your students 'get connected' with TxVSN. One of these steps is designating a Site Coordinator to serve as a mentor to students and as a liaison to TxVSN Central Operations.</i></p>