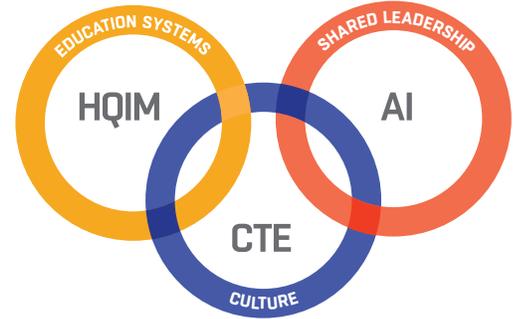




ESC REGION 13 & THE SYSTEM OF SERVICE CENTERS

TEXAS RURAL SCHOOLS SPRING CONFERENCE



The Texas Rural Schools Spring Conference, which will take place **February 25-26, 2025**, is a unique opportunity to connect with fellow educators and share strategies designed to meet the challenges of rural education. This year we will include sessions around instructional material adoptions and updates from TEA on how to maximize current instructional resources.

KEYNOTE SESSIONS

REFLECTIVE LEADERS ARE EFFECTIVE LEADERS



DR. ADOLPH BROWN, III

Dr. Adolph “Doc” Brown, III, renowned as “The World’s Greatest Edutainer,” is a clinical psychologist, educator, and keynote speaker celebrated for his engaging and transformative presentations. With over 30 years of experience, he is a trusted expert in mental health, safe spaces, and leadership. Drawing from his own journey from humble beginnings, Dr. Brown’s “Real Talk” approach blends humor, authenticity, and research-backed insights to inspire learning, laughter, and leadership.

THE RELEVANCE OF TCMPC IN THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF HQIM



WENDI RUSSELL

Wendi Russell is the State Director and Chief Curriculum Officer for TCMPC. She has 35 years of educational experience behind her. Wendi has 11 years of experience as a classroom teacher and 22 years as a Principal, Curriculum Director and Superintendent of Schools. She has served in rural districts across the state and understands how important it is to have an affordable, viable, research based, aligned curriculum resources for all students.



MEREDITH STADLER

Meredith has been a lifelong believer in the power of education. After graduating from Texas A&M University, Meredith began her journey as an educator in a 6th grade ELA classroom. Currently, she is the Professional Development Coordinator for Texas Curriculum Management Program Cooperative, and deeply enjoys the collaborative work she does in partnership with ESCs as they endeavor to support TCMPC implementation in their regions.

FEATURED SPEAKER

BLUEBONNET LEARNING AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FUNDING



NICHOLAS KEITH

Nicholas Keith is the Associate Commissioner of Curriculum and Instruction at the Texas Education Agency. With nearly 20 years of experience in Texas public schools, he was a teacher and instructional coach for more than a decade, served in central office curriculum roles, and, prior to TEA, was the Chief Academic Officer for Crowley ISD. In his current role, he oversees Open Education Resources (OER) development, as well as Math and Reading Academies.



“The Texas Rural Education Association (TREA) is proud to partner with ESC 13 in providing resources to educators in small and rural schools. TREA is affiliated with the National Rural Education Association (NREA), and can provide a national perspective to Texas educators.”
- BILL TARLETON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TEXAS RURAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

| Session Title | District/ Organization | Presenter(s) |
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| Accountability 101: Federal Labels | ESC Region 13 | Melinda Marquez |
| Accountability 101: Domain 3 Closing the Gaps | ESC Region 13 | Melinda Marquez |
| Empowering Success: Systems, Leadership, Curriculum & PLCS | Hallsville ISD | Shauna Hittle, Stephanie Henderson |
| The 2024 Texas teacher Poll | Charles Butt Foundation | Audrey Boklage, Kurt Lockhart |
| Teaching with Purpose: Unleashing the Power of HQIM | Navarro ISD | Wendy McMullen, Natasha Williams, Brandy Coppedge, Emily Landrum |
| Empowering Students via Work-Based Learning Connections | ESC Region 13 | Joshua Mitchell, Ricardo Romero |
| Building a Sustainable System of Success | Bells ISD | Heather Bortz, Tricia Meek |
| Procurement | TEA | Nick Davis, Jamie Goodwin |
| Nurturing New teachers for Lasting Impact | Smithville ISD | Bethany Logan, Cheryl Burns |
| The ‘Value Add’ of TCMPC | ESC Region 20 | Allen Wilson |
| Bridging the Gap: Connecting Industry to Education | Workforce Solutions - Rural Capitol | Heather Thomas, Kelly Moreno |
| TCMPS: Big Solutions for Rural Schools | ESC Region 13 | Meredith Stadler |
| Empowering Rural Students: OnRamps and Seymour ISD Collaboration | UT Austin & Seymour ISD | Cassie Kunkel, Charlotte Brown |
| GPS Leading The Way: Supporting and Growing New Teachers | Groesbeck ISD | Anthony Figueroa, Cindy Ensminger |
| Teacher Incentive Allotment Rural Cohort Experience | ESC Region 15 | Robin Graves, Lela Taubert |
| HQIM: Big Steps, Future Focus | Morgan ISD | Tiffany Berrio, John Bullion |
| Embracing the Productive Struggle for All | Ft. Hancock ISD & ESC Region 19 | Yvonne Samaniego, JoAnn Brant |
| The Playbook: Winning EdTech Strategies for Rural Schools | ESC Region 10 | Michelle Turner, Jennifer Burr |
| Strategic Planning for Stronger Systems and Communication | Austin ISD | Adrienne Aldaco |