Subject line: Registration for TELPAS Supplemental Support Provider Training-of-Trainer (TOT) Sessions

November 15, 2010

TO THE ESC AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR ADDRESSED:

Please DO NOT reply to this e-mail.

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide registration information for the TELPAS supplemental support provider TOT sessions that TEA will conduct this spring.

A new supplemental holistic rating training model is being implemented this year to support the needs of raters who have difficulty with the calibration portion of their training. As indicated in previous TEA communications, this year's TELPAS training system has been modified to enable raters to fulfill their web-based holistic rating training requirements with less front-loaded trainer support. The new model is designed to ensure, however, that any individuals who need it receive supplemental support prior to their third and final calibration set.

TEA will conduct several web-based supplemental support provider TOT sessions to help prepare districts to meet the needs of these raters. The new training model is intended to enable districts to provide supplemental support locally, without the need for raters to travel to an ESC. Districts are encouraged to train at least one supplemental support provider for each of the following grade spans: K–1, 2–5, and 6–12. Districts with substantial ELL populations may find it beneficial to have a supplemental support provider on each campus.

The registration period is **November 15, 2010, through December 17, 2010**. There will be separate training sessions for grades K–1, 2–5, and 6–12. The grade-cluster sessions will be held concurrently on six different dates.

Training Dates	
Date	Time (CT)
January 18	1:00-4:30
January 20	8:30-12:00
January 24	1:00-4:30
January 26	8:30-12:00
January 31	1:00-4:30
February 1	8:30-12:00

Persons registering for these sessions must be <u>2009–2010</u>

- state-authorized TELPAS trainers,
- fully trained and refreshed K-1 raters, or
- fully trained, qualified, and refreshed 2–12 raters.

The web-based training model, which will allow TEA to train a wide audience, should be sufficient for the training of most if not all supplemental trainers. There are, however, limits to the number of individuals that can be accommodated in each individual web-based session. Registration for the

sessions is on a first-come, first-serve basis. ESC and district attendees may train more support providers later as needed.

This training model is designed to increase the holistic rating expertise of district and campus staff so that the small percentage of raters who need supplemental support can receive it at the campus or district level. The supplemental training period for raters begins February 16.

Districts that have relied on ESC personnel to conduct holistic rating training in the past should prepare to assume the responsibility for meeting raters' supplemental training needs. A district may request assistance from an ESC to meet supplemental training needs *under rare circumstances;* however, ESCs may not always be able to fulfill the need. While each ESC is required to train a supplemental support provider, the primary responsibility lies with districts.

District testing coordinators are responsible for ensuring the proper training of TELPAS raters and should collaborate with bilingual/ESL coordinators and other district and campus leadership staff to plan for the necessary number of supplemental support providers. As a courtesy, this communication is being copied to the ESC and district bilingual/ESL contacts on record with the TEA Student Assessment Division.

You can access the registration form at http://www.TexasAssessment.com/TELPASsuppTOTregistration.

For questions about the registration process, contact Rachel Wester at Pearson at rachel.wester@pearson.com. For questions about TELPAS training requirements, send an e-mail to the TEA Student Assessment Division at ell.tests@tea.state.tx.us, or call (512) 463-9536 and ask for a member of the TELPAS team.

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