



**Greetings to District and Charter School Testing Coordinators:**

I am pleased to announce our upcoming fall 2011 training events. This year we will host the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Academy for New District Testing Coordinators**, the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Academy for “Not So New” District Testing Coordinators** and the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual T-SNAP Best Practices Forum**. T-SNAP is a professional organization whose mission is to collaborate with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Pearson in providing critical information regarding the Texas assessment program to Texas educators, especially testing coordinators.

These annual trainings are a special joint project of T-SNAP and Pearson and are offered as a free service to individuals who have the key position of coordinating the Texas assessment program for their districts or charter schools. These sessions are designed specifically to provide district testing coordinators with vital information about planning, managing, and facilitating the complex statewide testing programs.

Each session is limited because of available space. More information on each of the training events can be found on the T-SNAP website.

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Academy for New District Testing Coordinators**  
*(For District Testing Coordinators with one year or less experience who have never attended an Academy)*  
Thursday, September 15 or Friday, September 16, 2011  
Pearson, 905 West Howard Lane, Austin, TX

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Academy for “Not So New” District Testing Coordinators**  
*(For District Testing Coordinators with two to three years experience)*  
The Afternoon of Thursday, September 29, 2011  
North East ISD Community Learning Center, 8750 Tesoro Drive, San Antonio TX

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual TSNAP Best Practices Forum**  
*(For TSNAP Members only)*  
Friday, September 30, 2011  
Northside ISD Activity Center, 7001 Culebra Road, San Antonio, TX

Presenters at the academies include T-SNAP members from across Texas and representatives from Pearson. The Academies provide information regarding the district testing coordinator's role from start to finish. Additionally at the New Coordinator Academy a tour of the Pearson scoring facility is offered to allow test coordinators to observe first-hand the behind-the-scenes activities that occur when testing materials are processed and scored. Meeting and networking with assessment personnel from other districts is an additional benefit derived from attending these events.

You are also encouraged to join T-SNAP, a growing organization that provides valuable resources and networking opportunities, and is the only state organization devoted exclusively to the professional development and support of district assessment leaders. TSNAP strives to provide support to districts through sponsorship of the Academies, the Best Practices Forum, the Texas Assessment Conference, which is held each year in Austin, and quarterly teleconferences.

Preliminary agendas, registration information, maps, lodging information, and T-SNAP membership applications are posted on the T-SNAP website at: [www.tsnap.org](http://www.tsnap.org). On behalf of T-SNAP, TEA and Pearson, I look forward to seeing you at these events this fall.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Barber, 2011 T-SNAP President