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Texas Consortium on School Research

**Summer 2010 Inaugural Meeting:  
Texas Consortium on School Research Steering Committee**

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  - Background music can be heard by all
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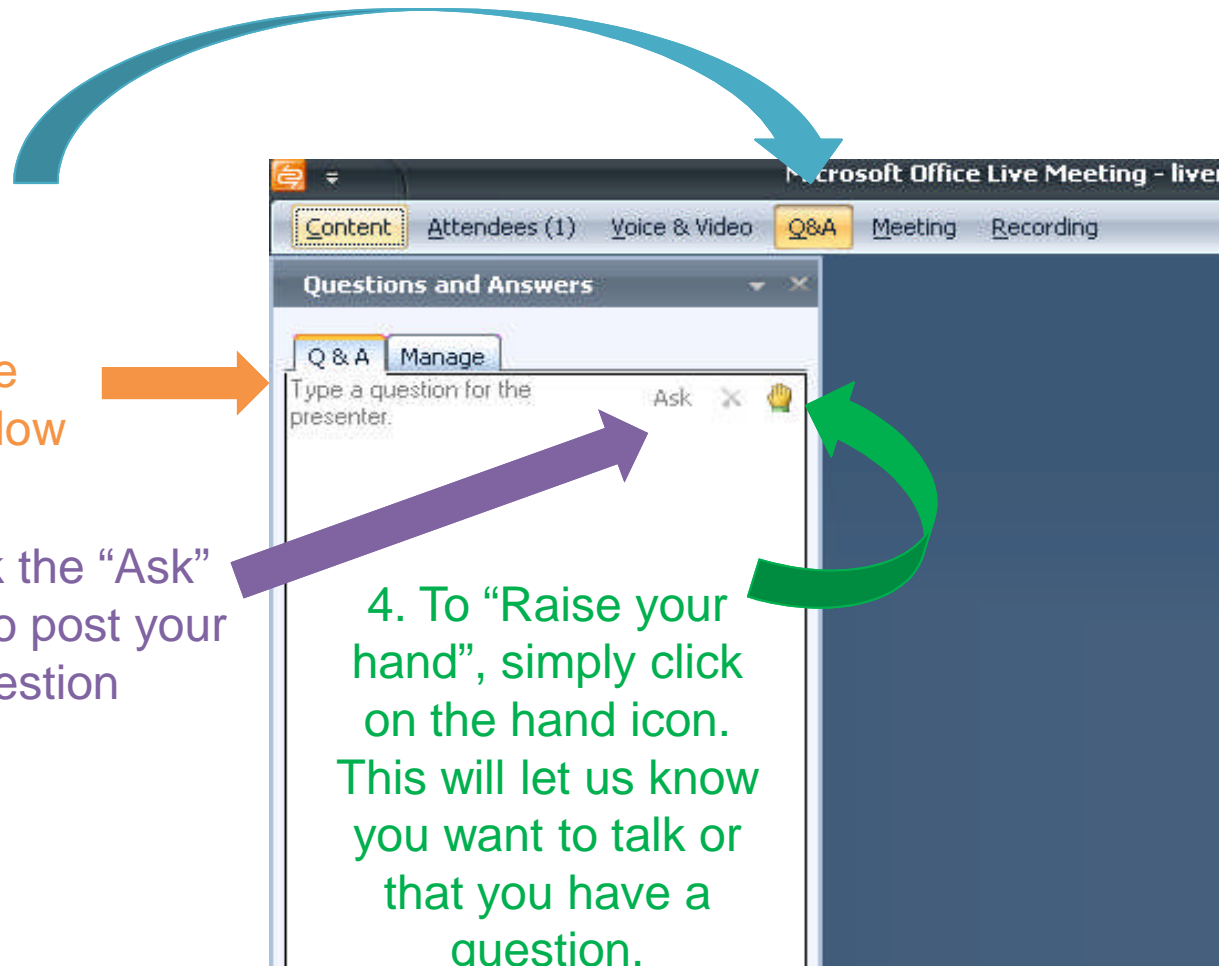
# How to Use: Q & A or Raise Your Hand

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# How to Use: Interactive Questions

1. Read the question



Poll Question:

How often do you use Live Meeting?

2. Click the circle that indicates your answer

- Only 1 selection allowed
- You can change answer



Poll Choices:

- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

No Vote

Results:

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0%	0
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3. Group responses will be indicated by percentages

Polls are open

Results are hidden



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*Welcome, District Introductions, Overview*

# Welcome

- **Committee speaks on behalf of ALL TCSR districts**
- **Action taken based on what Committee tells us**
- Participating districts are dedicated to:
  - Identifying college readiness as a priority
  - Improving college going rates among students
  - Using research to guide district policies/programs
  - Sharing experiences & expertise to shape TCSR research agenda

# District Introductions

<b>Austin</b> Karen Looby	<b>El Paso</b> Carlos Perales James Steinhauser	<b>Houston</b> Carla Stevens	<b>Plano</b> Paul Dabbs Dash Weerasinghe
<b>Cypress-Fairbanks</b> Rayyan Amine	<b>Fort Worth</b> Sara Arispe	<b>Klein</b> Angeline Anderson Stan Hall	<b>Southwest</b> Celani Dominguez
<b>Dallas</b> Cecilia Oakeley Dot Weir	<b>Galena Park</b> Sandy Mathews	<b>Northside</b> Sara McAndrew	<b>Spring Branch</b> Jennifer Cobb Amanda Salinas

## 30-Second Discussion Question

*If TCSR could help you accomplish 1 thing in your district, what would that be?*

- **Goals**

- Provide opportunities for **district interaction**
- Discuss and develop **common vision**
- Discuss and develop **common understanding of goals**
- Identify topics and discuss development of **research agenda**
- Identify and discuss **outcomes that would make participation in TCSR most meaningful**





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*5 Elements of TCSR*

# 5 Elements of TCSR

1. Understand and use *quality research*
2. Use *longitudinal data sets*
3. Build a *community of practice*
4. Develop *capacity to conduct research*
5. Drive *effective use of solutions* to improve college readiness

Your thoughts....



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## *Studies of Consequence*

# Conducting Studies of Consequence

## Studies of Consequence = Studies with *Impact*

- Studies using district data including research:
  - Conducted by TCSR for districts
  - Conducted by districts as a *replication* of TCSR research
  - Conducted by districts as an *elaboration* of TCSR research (e.g. more in-depth, further analysis, etc.)
  - Conducted by districts based on their unique questions/needs
- Research that has policy implications that extend beyond a single district and may have state/national impact

## Your thoughts....

# Conducting Studies of Consequence

- Research Agenda versus Research Topics
  - Identifying topics of interest
  - Turning topics into an agenda
- Research agenda driven by district needs

**Your thoughts....**

# Mid-Way Check Point

## Identified Topics of Interest

- What we've done so far.
  - Currently working on On-Track to Graduate Indicator analyses and state distribution
    - Based on request from HISD
    - Includes disaggregation of data
- Where you would like to go....

**Your thoughts....**



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*Next Steps*

# Next Steps: TCSR Funding

- Current funding through IES only
- Seeking additional funding through foundations

**Your thoughts....**

# Next Steps: Commitment

- Demonstrate support for TCSR
  - Letter of district support
  - Responsive to providing input and feedback
  - Participation in Steering Committee meetings:

Meeting Type	Approximate Date
Conference Call	July 2010
In-Person	October 2010
In-Person	January/February 2011
Conference Call	March 2011
Conference Call	June 2011



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*Next Steps*

# Next Steps: Preferences

- Optimizing meetings and webinars
  - Preferred duration
  - Pre-meetings
  - Time of day
  - Location
  - Other

**Your thoughts....**

# Next Steps: Recognition

- Highlight your college readiness efforts and involvement in TCSR
  - As a district
  - As a member of TCSR Steering Committee
    - TCSR website, press releases, profile, other ways

**Your thoughts....**



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*Closing Remarks*