



Texas Consortium on School Research Inaugural Meeting on College Readiness

October 1, 2009

Noon–5:00 p.m.

Hilton Americas-Houston Hotel

Meeting convened by **REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.**

11:30 pm – 12:00	Registration
11:30 pm – 1:00 Lunch Served	Welcome, Introductions & Overview Dean Nafziger, <i>Director, REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.</i> Commission for a College Ready Texas (CCRT) Sandy Kress, <i>Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; REL Southwest Outreach Consultant; Chair, Commission for a College Ready Texas (CCRT)</i> Greetings Johnny Veselka, <i>Executive Director, Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA)</i> Small Group Discussions & Report Out College readiness research capacity, barriers, benefits
1:00 – 2:00	The Consortium on Chicago School Research Christopher Mazzeo, <i>Associate Director of Policy and Outreach</i> Vanessa Coca, <i>Research Analyst</i> <i>The Consortium on Chicago School Research (CCSR)</i>
2:00 – 2:30	Highlights of a Successful Consortium Collaboration: STTE Kathleen Barfield, <i>Executive Director, Statewide Tools for Teaching Excellence (STTE), project funded by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation (MSDF); Chief Information Officer, REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.</i>
2:30 – 2:40	Break
2:40 – 3:10	College Readiness Research & Practice Guide: “Helping Students Navigate the Path to College: What High Schools Can Do” Eric Rolhus, <i>Senior Researcher, REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.</i>
3:10 – 3:30	The Role of the Education Research Center (ERC) in Facilitating Consortia Research Dan O'Brien, <i>Director of the Texas Schools Project / University of Texas at Dallas Education Research Center (ERC)</i> Jim Parsons, <i>Assistant Director of the Texas Schools Project / University of Texas at Dallas Education Research Center (ERC)</i>
3:30 – 4:00	District Panel Discussion
4:00 – 4:45	Small Group Discussions & Report Out Potential College Readiness research questions/topics
4:45 – 5:00	Next Steps Don Barfield, <i>Associate Laboratory Director, REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.</i> Kathleen Barfield, <i>Chief Information Officer, REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.</i>
5:00 pm Reception	Closing Remarks Dean Nafziger, <i>Director, REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.</i>
