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**TISD TO HOST INFORMATIONAL MEETING
ON ROSS PEROT STEM ACADEMY**

Texarkana, TX – If you are interested in your student applying to The Ross Perot STEM Academy at Texas High School then you will want to join Texarkana Independent School District for their upcoming Parent Informational Meeting.

The meeting will be held on Monday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the John Thomas Theatre of the Sullivan Performing Arts Center, 3941 Summerhill Road. During the meeting, Parent/Guardians will learn of the application & selection process as well as further details on the academy program.

Applications for current 8th grade students to enroll in The Ross Perot STEM Academy at Texas High School will be made available beginning Monday, January 25. Applications are available by visiting www.txkisd.net or by contacting Jean Ham, 8th Grade Counselor at Texas Middle School - 903.793.5631 ext. 3541 or Cathy Klopper, Curriculum Coach at Texas High School – 903.794.3891 ext. 2526.

Completed applications are due by Friday, March 12 and notification of acceptance into the Academy will be on Thursday, April 8.

Now in their second year as a recipient of a Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (T-STEM) Academies Grant, TISD's Ross Perot STEM Academy focuses on increasing student achievement by engaging and exposing students to innovative instruction while simultaneously acting as demonstration sites to inform math and science teaching and learning statewide. To that end, the Academy provides a rigorous, well-rounded education with outstanding science, math, English language arts, and social studies instruction and with technology integrated across the curriculum.

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TISD is expanding the STEM Academy program to students in grades 9-10 during the 2010-11 school year. By the 2012-2013 academic year, the program will expand to grades 9-12. Enrollment will not exceed 110 at each grade level. Applicants will be randomly selected through a lottery system.

The Ross Perot STEM Academy at Texas High School is a school-within-a-school. Academy students reside in distinctive wings of the campus allowing for the development of a school culture which expresses the uniqueness of the Academy program and the curriculum being offered. The structure of the STEM Academy is purposefully designed to retain students in the program. The high degree of interactive involvement, the energized environment of the classroom, and the small school setting with quality relationships between students and teachers create an environment for success.

For more information, visit www.txkisd.net or contact Ronnie Thompson, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services at 903.793.7561 ext. 1325.

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