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**TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL AUTO SHOW TO OFFER
HANDS-ON PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING PRINCIPALS TO STUDENTS**

Texarkana, TX – As part of a \$10,000 grant from Toshiba America Foundation, Texas High School Physics and STEM Engineering students will host an Auto Show on Monday, March 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Sullivan Performing Arts Center.

Texas High School Physics Teacher, Nathan Upchurch, was awarded the grant in the Fall of 2010 and has been working with and engaging the students on how physics relates to the fuel efficiency, safety and engineering principals of car design. The Auto Show will allow students to communicate and apply scientific information extracted from various sources such as current events, news reports and marketing materials and draw inferences based on data related to promotional materials for products and services.

Featured dealerships for the THS Auto Show are: McLarty Ford, Orr Chevrolet, Orr Honda, Pete Mankins Nissan and Robbins Toyota. Dealership representatives will present information on their showcased vehicles. Students will take notes and ask questions in order to develop a presentation at the end of year on various car designs along with advantages and disadvantages of each. Through hands-on programming such as the THS Auto Show, students make a connection between an understanding of physics and societal issues of consumer demand and public policy of emission controls.

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