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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 6 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 are currently 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 9 and notification of acceptance into the Academy will be on Thursday, April 5.

Now in their third 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 a demonstration site 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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In the current academic year, The Ross Perot STEM Academy is serving students in grades 9 – 11. For the 2012-13 academic year, students will be served in grades 9 – 12. Enrollment for the Academy is by application only and slots are limited.

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 Cathy Klopper at 903.794.3891 ext. 2526 or klopper@txkisd.net or Ronda Jameson at 903.793.7561 ext. 1302 or jamesonr@txkisd.net.

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