



## 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.**

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**11:30 pm – 12:00**

**Registration**

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**11:30 pm – 1:00**  
**Lunch Served**

**Welcome, Introductions & Overview**

Dean Nafziger, *Director, REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.*

**Commission for a College Ready Texas (CCRT)**

Sandy Kress, *Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; REL Southwest Outreach Consultant; Chair, Commission for a College Ready Texas (CCRT)*

**Greetings**

Johnny Veselka, *Executive Director, Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA)*

**Small Group Discussions & Report Out**

College readiness research capacity, barriers, benefits

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**1:00 – 2:00**

**The Consortium on Chicago School Research**

Christopher Mazzeo, *Associate Director of Policy and Outreach*

Vanessa Coca, *Research Analyst*

*The Consortium on Chicago School Research (CCSR)*

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**2:00 – 2:30**

**Highlights of a Successful Consortium Collaboration: STTE**

Kathleen Barfield, *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.*

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**2:30 – 2:40**

**Break**

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**2:40 – 3:10**

**College Readiness Research & Practice Guide: "Helping Students Navigate the Path to College: What High Schools Can Do"**

Eric Rolfhus, *Senior Researcher, REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.*

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**3:10 – 3:30**

**The Role of the Education Research Center (ERC) in Facilitating Consortia Research**

Dan O'Brien, *Director of the Texas Schools Project / University of Texas at Dallas Education Research Center (ERC)*

Jim Parsons, *Assistant Director of the Texas Schools Project / University of Texas at Dallas Education Research Center (ERC)*

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**3:30 – 4:00**

**District Panel Discussion**

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**4:00 – 4:45**

**Small Group Discussions & Report Out**

Potential College Readiness research questions/topics

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**4:45 – 5:00**

**Next Steps**

Don Barfield, *Associate Laboratory Director, REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.*

Kathleen Barfield, *Chief Information Officer, REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.*

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**5:00 pm**  
**Reception**

**Closing Remarks**

Dean Nafziger, *Director, REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.*

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