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July 25, 2015

Dr. Esperanza Zendejas, Superintendent
Brownsville ISD
1900 Price Road
Brownsville, TX 78521-1900

Dear Dr. Zendejas:

During the 2014-2015 academic year, Region One ESC along with RGV FOCUS, area Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), and local school districts worked diligently toward the implementation of two standardized, regional college preparatory courses. These HB 5 mandated courses provide an opportunity for students to receive a college readiness waiver that will allow them to enroll in college level Mathematics and English immediately after high school graduation at participating IHEs.

As you know, the MOU endorsed by your district and the local IHEs stipulates that the English and Mathematics HB 5 College Prep Course teachers are required to attend continuing professional development offerings to instruct the HB 5 courses.

In moving forward with this endeavor, the required training for the 2015-2016 HB 5 College Prep Course teachers will be held at the *University of Texas-Pan American* as follows:

- **New HB 5 CPC Teachers**

August 3-4, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- English (WS 49381)
 - Location: UTPA Student Academic Center (STAC) Rooms 2.129 and 2.130
- Mathematics (WS 49382)
 - Location: UTPA Academic Services Building Rooms 2.148, 2.158, 2.160 and 2.164

- **Veteran (Returning) HB 5 CPC Teachers**

August 4, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- English (WS 49383)
 - Location: UTPA Student Academic Center (STAC) Rooms 2.129 and 2.130
- Mathematics (WS 49384)
 - Location: UTPA Academic Services Building Rooms 2.148, 2.158, 2.160 and 2.164

These sessions will provide an overview for selected teachers to build their understanding of the purpose of the HB 5 preparatory courses and the curriculum that has been developed and updated based on teacher feedback and student data. English and Mathematics teachers will learn about the college preparatory course expectations per specific content area, course curriculum, available resources and assessment procedures. During these workshops, teachers will be provided with support and guidance from the local IHEs and Region One ESC Education Specialists. Additionally, dates for continuing professional development for the 2015-2016 academic year will be reviewed.

Participants should register at www.esc1.net/staffdevelopment utilizing the workshop numbers, which are reflected on the corresponding flyer.

Please feel free to contact Nicole Saenz at (956) 984-6112 for further information regarding these workshops.

Sincerely,



Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez
Executive Director

HB 5 College Prep Course Training: Math and English

Overview

HB 5 requires school districts to partner with at least one institution of higher education (IHE) to develop and provide college preparatory courses in math and ELA for 12th grade students who have yet to demonstrate college readiness.

Region One ESC along with RGV Focus and all five local area IHEs developed two standardized, regional college prep courses, which became implemented in classrooms during the 2014-2015 academic school year.

As stipulated in the HB 5 CPC MOU, English and Math HB 5 CPC teachers are required to attend continuing professional development offerings to instruct the HB 5 courses.

In moving forward with this endeavor, training for HB 5 CPC teachers for the 2015-2016 school year is as follows:

- Teachers who will be teaching the HB 5 course in English or Math for the first time are scheduled to attend two-days of training to develop a foundation regarding the courses, August 3-4, 2015.
- Teachers who have previously taught the HB 5 course in English or Math are scheduled to attend one day of training to review all updates on August 4, 2015.

Participants are asked to bring an electronic device to the training dates.

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(STAC) Rooms 2.129 and 2.130

Math

Workshop: 49382

Location: Academic Services Building
2.148, 2.158, 2.160 and 2.164

Current HB 5 CPC Teachers

August 4, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Workshop: 49383

Location: Student Academic Center
(STAC) Rooms 2.129 and 2.130

Math

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Register today at

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