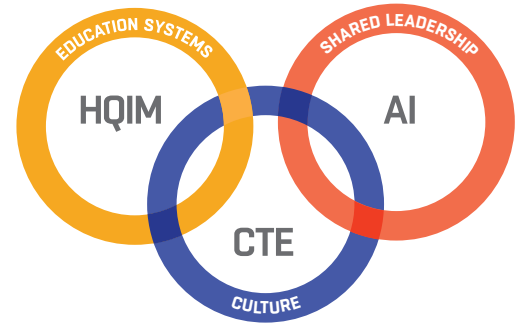




ESC REGION 13 & THE SYSTEM OF SERVICE CENTERS

# TEXAS RURAL SCHOOLS SPRING CONFERENCE



The Texas Rural Schools Spring Conference, which will take place **February 25-26, 2025**, is a unique opportunity to connect with fellow educators and share strategies designed to meet the challenges of rural education. This year we will include sessions around instructional material adoptions and updates from TEA on how to maximize current instructional resources.

## KEYNOTE SESSIONS

### REFLECTIVE LEADERS ARE EFFECTIVE LEADERS



#### DR. ADOLPH BROWN, III

Dr. Adolph “Doc” Brown, III, renowned as “The World’s Greatest Edutainer,” is a clinical psychologist, educator, and keynote speaker celebrated for his engaging and transformative presentations. With over 30 years of experience, he is a trusted expert in mental health, safe spaces, and leadership. Drawing from his own journey from humble beginnings, Dr. Brown’s “Real Talk” approach blends humor, authenticity, and research-backed insights to inspire learning, laughter, and leadership.

### THE RELEVANCE OF TCMPC IN THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF HQIM



#### WENDI RUSSELL

Wendi Russell is the State Director and Chief Curriculum Officer for TCMPC. She has 35 years of educational experience behind her. Wendi has 11 years of experience as a classroom teacher and 22 years as a Principal, Curriculum Director and Superintendent of Schools. She has served in rural districts across the state and understands how important it is to have an affordable, viable, research based, aligned curriculum resources for all students.



#### MEREDITH STADLER

Meredith has been a lifelong believer in the power of education. After graduating from Texas A&M University, Meredith began her journey as an educator in a 6th grade ELA classroom. Currently, she is the Professional Development Coordinator for Texas Curriculum Management Program Cooperative, and deeply enjoys the collaborative work she does in partnership with ESCs as they endeavor to support TCMPC implementation in their regions.

## FEATURED SPEAKER

### BLUEBONNET LEARNING AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FUNDING



#### NICHOLAS KEITH

Nicholas Keith is the Associate Commissioner of Curriculum and Instruction at the Texas Education Agency. With nearly 20 years of experience in Texas public schools, he was a teacher and instructional coach for more than a decade, served in central office curriculum roles, and, prior to TEA, was the Chief Academic Officer for Crowley ISD. In his current role, he oversees Open Education Resources (OER) development, as well as Math and Reading Academies.



**“The Texas Rural Education Association (TREA) is proud to partner with ESC 13 in providing resources to educators in small and rural schools. TREA is affiliated with the National Rural Education Association (NREA), and can provide a national perspective to Texas educators.”**  
**- BILL TARLETON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TEXAS RURAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

Session Title	District/ Organization	Presenter(s)
Accountability 101: Federal Labels	ESC Region 13	Melinda Marquez
Accountability 101: Domain 3 Closing the Gaps	ESC Region 13	Melinda Marquez
Empowering Success: Systems, Leadership, Curriculum & PLCS	Hallsville ISD	Shauna Hittle, Stephanie Henderson
The 2024 Texas teacher Poll	Charles Butt Foundation	Audrey Boklage, Kurt Lockhart
Teaching with Purpose: Unleashing the Power of HQIM	Navarro ISD	Wendy McMullen, Natasha Williams, Brandy Coppedge, Emily Landrum
Empowering Students via Work-Based Learning Connections	ESC Region 13	Joshua Mitchell, Ricardo Romero
Building a Sustainable System of Success	Bells ISD	Heather Bortz, Tricia Meek
Procurement	TEA	Nick Davis, Jamie Goodwin
Nurturing New teachers for Lasting Impact	Smithville ISD	Bethany Logan, Cheryl Burns
The ‘Value Add’ of TCMPC	ESC Region 20	Allen Wilson
Bridging the Gap: Connecting Industry to Education	Workforce Solutions - Rural Capitol	Heather Thomas, Kelly Moreno
TCMPS: Big Solutions for Rural Schools	ESC Region 13	Meredith Stadler
Empowering Rural Students: OnRamps and Seymour ISD Collaboration	UT Austin & Seymour ISD	Cassie Kunkel, Charlotte Brown
GPS Leading The Way: Supporting and Growing New Teachers	Groesbeck ISD	Anthony Figueroa, Cindy Ensminger
Teacher Incentive Allotment Rural Cohort Experience	ESC Region 15	Robin Graves, Lela Taubert
HQIM: Big Steps, Future Focus	Morgan ISD	Tiffany Berrio, John Bullion
Embracing the Productive Struggle for All	Ft. Hancock ISD & ESC Region 19	Yvonne Samaniego, JoAnn Brant
The Playbook: Winning EdTech Strategies for Rural Schools	ESC Region 10	Michelle Turner, Jennifer Burr
Strategic Planning for Stronger Systems and Communication	Austin ISD	Adrienne Aldaco