

Charter RAC – October 2018

1. Welcome to our second Charter RAC meeting of the 2018-2019 school year. I know how busy we have all been in getting this new year up and running. Thank you for taking the time to attend our meeting where we will share some important information, network with colleagues, and share some best practices from across the region.
2. TEA Updates
 - a. Instructional Materials Quality Evaluation Pilot – TAA dated Oct 8 asking for RFA to participate in the pilot.
 - i. TEA is actively seeking participation from LEAs who are eager to ensure their teachers and students have access to the highest quality instructional materials. Interested parties should review the Instructional Materials Quality Evaluation Pilot Overview document (attachment 1) for additional information about the pilot. The application has three required components:
 1. Reviewer nomination form (attachment 3): due Monday, October 22, 2018
 2. LEA information form (attachment 4): accepted on a rolling basis but no later than Friday, December 14, 2018
 3. Assurances (attachment 5): accepted on a rolling basis but no later than Friday, December 14, 2018
 4. The IMQE pilot begins in December 2018 and ends in June 2019.
 - ii. A growing body of research demonstrates that the quality of instructional materials teachers use has a significant impact on student achievement. LEAs across Texas are eager to purchase the best materials for their teachers and students, but free information about the quality of materials can be unorganized, unreliable, and difficult to access. Additionally, reviewing instructional materials is a time-consuming process for the teachers who serve on their LEAs' review committees.

Written into statute in 2017 (Texas Education Code § 31.081 and § 31.082), TEA will conduct an independent analysis of each instructional material to evaluate its quality. Through this process, TEA aims to support and strengthen LEAs' local review processes by providing clear, transparent, and user-friendly information about the quality of instructional materials.

Materials will be reviewed using a Texas-specific rubric. The resulting reviews, which will be presented on the online portal, will be written by Texas educators specifically for Texas educators. LEAs will have complete

autonomy to decide if and how they use the reviews as part of their local review and adoption processes.

- b. ESC Survey for TEA Evaluation
3. Crisis Incident Response Update – All Day 1 sessions (SA, Kerrville, Uvalde) have been completed. We had great participation, but charter attendance was limited. Tracy and Dr. Z are wondering if you would like to set up a charter-specific model. If so, who would attend (types of positions)?
 - o Critical Incident Response Training - <https://www.smore.com/d4g8a>
 4. LEA Visits - Meet the superintendent at a campus of their choice where they would like to showcase an exemplary program, initiative, or practice. Use this information to highlight the great things happening in our Texas public schools with various stakeholders and to share exemplars across LEAs so as to make connections and build potential collaborative opportunities. Jamie will be scheduling over the next few weeks. Visits will go through May.
 5. Director of School Finance Update
 6. Addition of Seguin ISD
 7. Lastly... As you look ahead to 2018-2019, what is your ONE “big rock” this year? Think-Pair-Share.