DETAILED PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Wednesday, October 26, 2011
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
*Consultancy Session with Austin ISD and Round Rock ISD (optional)

1) Consultancy Topic #1:
Increasing participation in the non-modified state assessment by students with disabilities

2) Consultancy Topic #2:
Providing appropriate services to students who are both cognitively impaired and have significant behavior difficulties

Thursday, October 27, 2011
7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Continental breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
***“Size-alike” Meetings (optional)

10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Collaborative Partner Focus Groups (optional)

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Welcome and Overview

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Keynote Address

“Challenges in Evaluating Special Education Teachers: Linking Teacher Effectiveness to Student Outcomes”

Ms. Lynn Holdheide, Vanderbilt University Research Associate in the National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Plenary Session

Q&A with Ms. Holdheide

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Reception

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum
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| 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Plenary Session
  * Topic: Characteristics of effective special education teachers in urban schools*
  * Dr. Sharon Vaughn, H.E. Hartfelder/Southland Corp Regents Chair and Executive Director, The Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk, University of Texas.*
  * Panel response and discussion with representatives from Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.*
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Break                                                               |
| 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | ***Concurrent Sessions
  * Presentations by Collaborative member districts:*
  * Austin Independent School District, TX*
  * Cincinnati Public Schools, OH*
  * Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Schools, NC*
  * Houston Independent School District, TX*
  * Memphis City Schools, TN*
  * Washoe Public Schools, NV*
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | Partner and Sponsor Expo Visitations                               |
| 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Lunch                                                               |
Fall 2011 Meeting
Highly Effective Special Education Teachers
in Urban Schools: Taking the Measure
October 26–29, 2011
Austin, TX

Detailed Preliminary Agenda (continued)

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3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Putting it Together: Characteristics of Highly Effective Special Education Teachers in Urban Schools & How to Measure Their Effectiveness
   A Panel of Collaborative Member District Leaders

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Social Hour

Saturday, October 29, 2011
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Plenary Session
   Topic: English Language Learners with Disabilities: Service Delivery Challenges & Successes

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Wrap-up and Adjournment
**SESSION DESCRIPTIONS**

*Consultancy Session with Austin ISD and Round Rock ISD  
Wednesday, October 26th, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

These sessions will provide us with an opportunity to serve as “consultants” or “critical friends” to our colleagues in Austin and Round Rock. We have invited our colleagues in our host district to present dilemmas that they would like our Collaborative members to consider and to share their expertise and experience. We will be guiding participants through a facilitated protocol whereby the school districts’ leaders might learn how others would advise their response to these two specific need areas. At the same time that we are helping our colleagues, we are certain that you will all benefit from the sharing and bring home some new ideas for improving your own service delivery systems.

**“Size-alike” Meetings**  
Thursday, October 27th, 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

This session will provide an opportunity for representatives from our large, medium, and small school districts to meet in size-alike groups and participate in a facilitated conversation regarding a topic or issue of current interest or concern to special education leaders in urban school districts.

***Concurrent Sessions***  
Friday, October 28th, 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

A central focus of our Collaborative meetings is district-to-district sharing. We are inviting member school districts that have been engaged in the revision of their teacher evaluation system to share in a presentation their experiences with, and approaches to, fairly and effectively evaluating special educators as well as related service providers.