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\$41,500 in Technology Grants Awarded to Six Region 12 School Districts

WACO, Texas – Technology integration has a major impact on teachers and students, allotting funds for modern devices to enhance learning. The Education Service Center Region 12 Technology Foundation recently awarded six school districts with nearly \$41,500 in grant funds to support educational technology programs.

"It is a privilege to present grant awards to local school districts for the third consecutive year, which both advances and encourages the innovative use of technology in the classroom," Advisory Board Chair Kevin Houchin said. "The Technology Foundation is a great example of how ESC Region 12 promotes collaboration between educators and the community to produce outcomes that benefit students throughout central Texas."

2014 Awards Include:

- Hillsboro ISD (\$8,000)
- Holland ISD (\$4,635)
- Priddy ISD (\$9,830)
- Robinson ISD (\$9,820)
- Rosebud Lott (\$4,360)
- Waco ISD (\$4,880)

Collectively, these funds helped more than 1,300 students in six districts across four counties. The grant funds will be used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment such as touch screen Chromebooks, iPads Minis, Kindle Fires and photography equipment and software.

The ESC Region 12 Technology Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, formed in 2012, as part of a vision to continually leverage resources and drive more money to students and teachers in the classroom, where it matters most. With this year's grants, the foundation has given \$161,000.

The Foundation Advisory Board is comprised of the following members:

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About ESC Region 12 - Education Service Center Region 12 focuses on helping schools save money and leverage resources into the classroom. One of 20 regional education service centers statewide, ESC Region 12 offers training and expert assistance to educators and school personnel to increase student achievement. ESC Region 12 offers effective, economical programs and services through professional development, expert assistance, direct services and alternative educator certification.

Based in Waco, ESC Region 12 serves 76 school districts, 11 charters and private/parochial schools in Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, McLennan, Mills and Navarro counties. Everything the center offers focuses on helping educators be successful and helping schools save money and leverage resources—driving more money to students in the classroom—where it matters most.