



North East Independent School District

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MEDIA ADVISORY

- What:** The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academy will host a Legislative Tour in partnership with the Texas High School Project.
- Who:** Student Ambassadors will lead representatives from the Texas Legislature Education Committee on the tour. STEM Director David Bordelon and Assistant Director Melody Crabb, as well as Lee High School Principal Michael Cardona will participate in the tour. Dee Chambliss and Meredith Wedin, Texas High School Project representatives, are also expected to attend the tour.
- When:** October 7, 2010, 10:40-11:50 a.m.
- Where:** Lee High School, STEM Academy, 1400 Jackson-Keller Rd.
Media will need to check-in with school staff at the walk. School staff will be able to identify students with permission to be filmed / photographed / interviewed.
- Why:** Through a tour and panel discussion, STEM will showcase the benefits and opportunities available at the Academy. The Academy hopes this will encourage the Texas Legislature to continue funding STEM programs across the state. Texas Legislature representatives will be given a tour of the STEM Academy at Lee High School. The tour will include the eighth grade classes, engineering and technology departments, as well as the core STEM classes for grades 9 – 12. Students will deliver presentations in the classrooms along the tour. Following the tour, representatives will have the opportunity to hear from a panel of both high school and middle school teachers and students.
- Visuals:** Texas Legislature representatives, students and school/district staff will tour the STEM facilities at Lee. Student Ambassadors will wear STEM t-shirts. Projects will be displayed in the school's library.
- More:** Prior to arriving at Lee, Legislature representatives will review the STEM program at Nimitz Middle School (sixth and seventh grades). School Principal Thalia Chaney will participate in that part of the tour.

View this online at www.neisd.net/ComRel/MediaCenter.html.

About NEISD:

North East ISD has more than 70 schools and magnet programs with an expected fall 2010 enrollment of more than 66,000 students. NEISD employs more than 9,000 people. It is the second largest public school district in the San Antonio area and the eighth largest in the state. Under the Texas accountability system, 87 percent of NEISD schools are rated Exemplary or Recognized. The district earned Recognized for the third year in a row.

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