

**Senate Testimony-Service Centers**  
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**Aldine ISD, Region IV**  
**Wanda Bamberg, Superintendent of Schools**

**1. How has Region IV helped Aldine ISD and other school districts impact student performance?**

**Region IV serves: 7 counties; 53 districts; 1,092,548 students; 87,799 educators; 1420 campuses**

**Training**

Training in district and out for all subjects-4019 participants in sessions

- Training of trainers 272 which facilitated training of hundreds more teachers

Participants:

Teachers: 62%

CO Staff: 7.2%

Transportation: 6.4%

Special Ed.: 5.7%

Principal/Assistant Principal: 3.7%

Others: 14.6%

- Participants at Region IV: 1992
- Attendees in District: 2412
- Sessions in Region IV: 596
- Sessions in District: 157
- Topics: STAAR/EOC  
ELA (Writing, Reading); Mathematics, Science, Social Studies,  
English Language Learners, Dyslexia, Special Education
- Behavioral Supports-Positive Behavior Supports
- Technology
- TEKS—Curriculum Alignment between written, taught, and tested
- Leadership Academies-some tied to certification

**2. Are there any efficiencies that school districts realize through Region IV?**

**Products and Services**

- **Materials**-Aldine has purchased the science textbooks (Gateways) for middle school and high school.
- **Audits**-science curriculum, district improvement plan,
- **Operation Audits**- transportation, finance, facilities/maintenance, technology
- **Bus Driver Certification** (88 in 2010-2011) and **Recertification** (242 in 2010-2011)

- **Alternative Certification Program for Teachers** (26 in 2010-2011; 192 since 2006)
- **Teacher Recruitment through Job Fairs**
- **The Comparative Purchasing Network:** \$1.7 M in contract services for Facilities Related Contracts, Technology Products and Services including Software, and Office and Educational Products and Services (Total for Region: 46.2 Million)
- **Project Share:** 14 courses including MSTAR, Algebra I EOCs, and Science TEKS
- Costs of Training for Teachers and Staff through traditional vendors— Because of TOT models and local training, districts save money by using Region IV.

**Dissemination of Information:**

- Compliance Issues: Performance Based Monitoring and Assessment System: **State and Federal Regulations**
- English Language Learners
- Special Education
- Special Revenue Funding-Title Funds at the Federal Level; State Comp Ed Funds at the State Level
- Finance
- Student Data Reporting for PEIMS:
- Filling in gap with fewer TEA staff
- Required information for all TEA reports
- HR Certification Updates
- Advisory Committees/Study Groups:
- AYP School Improvement Information
- Drop Out
- **Study Groups:** Example: Superintendent  
Problem solving and sharing information such as EOC, Insurance, Salary, Legislation, State and Federal Requirements

Region IV services are high quality and thorough. The center is sensitive to the customer and always seeking ways to improve and better serve schools and districts.