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Ballroom

8:30-8:45am Welcome

9:00-9:30 Learning Styles: How Children Learn
Patty R. Perez

9:45 – 10:15 Critical Thinking: An Essential Component of our Effective Classroom
Adamina Pena

10:30 – 11:00 Financial Issues Facing Superintendents
Patricia Abrego, Jesus Amezcua, Alicia Carrillo and Sandra Forestier

12:00-12:45pm Teacher Preparation: Why the University?
Dr. Jane Conoley
Keynote Speaker

1:00-1:45 Leadership Reframed: A Reflective View
Dr. Humberto Gonzalez
Dean, College of Education

2:00–2:30 Shaping a Program-Long Experiential Model for Student Interns:
Principals’ Perceptions
Claudio Salinas, Ph.D.

3:30-4:00 PDK meeting
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9:00 – 9:30am  Analyzing Certification Options for Special Educators: Profession or Trade
                Dr. Terry Shepherd

9:45 – 10:15    From Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 16: A New Educational Framework,
                Continued Accountability, and Higher Academic Gains for Minorities
                Dr. Miroslava Vargas

10:30 – 11:00   Perceived Wellness and Job Satisfaction Among Hispanic and Non-Hispanic
                Teachers: Implications for Persisting in the Classroom
                Dr. Trace Pirtle

11:15 – 11:45   Texas Beginning Educator Support System (TxBESS) Training: Its Role in
                Helping to Support Student Teachers and their Mentors
                Dr. Juan Lira

2:00 – 2:30pm   Implementing Bilingual Fine Arts Courses at the Colonnas in South Texas
                Dr. Gilberto Soto

2:45 – 3:15     Helping Struggling Readers: An After-School Intervention Project
                Dr. Barbara Greybeck
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9:00-9:30am Parental Involvement
Eduardo Davila and Rosenda K. Ruiz
Communication Strategies to Promote an Effective School Environment
Vanessa L. Silva

9:45-10:15 Teacher Morale and Motivation
Janie Ramon
Student Academic De-Motivation During Adolescence
Margie Quiroz
Teacher Stress
Dolores Villarreal

10:30-11:00 Creating Safe Schools: School Administrators’ Response
Susana Lopez
The Effects of Unhealthy Schools on Student Learning
Leti Martinez

11:15-11:45 Home Schooling and Conventional Schooling: Development of Children’s Socialization Skills
Marissa Molina
Curriculum and Reading
Rebecca A. Salinas

2:00-2:30pm A Comparison of TAKS Score Results of Students Enrolled in Music Programs
Jerry S. Rodriguez
The First Amendment: Student’s Freedom of Speech
Laura Garcia

2:45-3:15 A Restructured Block Schedule: Perceptions of Middle School Administrators
Edmundo Garcia
Effective Communication for School Achievement
Leanor Hernandez
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JoAnn Wells  |
| 9:45-10:15 | A Universal Artifact from Cultures Around the World: An Eye Opener for  
Wannabe “Global Citizens”  
Lem Railsback  |
| 10:30-11:00 | Quilts in Children's Literature: Changing Times, Changing Needs Through  
Traditional Means  
Frances Rhodes  |
| 11:15-11:45 | The Effect of Education Certification Programs on Teacher Perception of Children with Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder  
Melanie Shepherd  |
| 2:00-2:30 | Using Visualization to Learn the Principal Competencies  
Guillermo Pro  |
| 2:45-3:15 | (Cancelled)  
Michelle Rocha  |