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2011 F.A.C.E.S. Family and Community Engagement Seminar in Lubbock

LUBBOCK, Texas (February 21, 2011) – The 2011 Family and Community Engagement Seminar (F.A.C.E.S.) will be held in Lubbock March 3rd-4th at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza, 3201 South Loop 289. The seminar will be from 10am-4:15pm Thursday, March 3rd and 8:30am-2:30pm Friday, March 4th.

The Title I Statewide School Support/Parental Involvement Initiative at Region 16 Education Service Center (ESC) is working with Region 17 ESC to provide this statewide event. The focus is on families, schools and communities working together. The seminar is designed to build effective family engagement practices and to create partnerships focused on student and school success.

“The importance of family and community engagement cannot be overstated,” said Skip Forsyth of Region 16 ESC. “When schools, families and communities work together, we are investing in the future of our children.”

The conference will provide valuable information for parents, educators, pupil services and guidance personnel, school administrators, afterschool and health and human services and other community service providers.

The F.A.C.E.S. event is open to the public. All attendees must pay a registration fee of \$150 until February 28th or \$175 after that date. Walk-in registration is accepted, or online through the Region 16 ESC website at www.esc16.net.

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Over thirty breakout sessions will be presented in addition to several featured speakers and keynotes. Speakers include Cory Green, Senior Director for the Division of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Program Coordination, Texas Education Agency; Crystal Dockery, Assistant Superintendent, Spearman Independent School District; Debbie Silver, Consultant and Humorist; and Brenda Bird, Motivational Speaker and Family Life Consultant. Each speaker brings expertise and enthusiasm to the F.A.C.E.S. event, and will offer practical ideas for home-school-community partnerships.

For additional information, contact Skip Forsyth of Region 16 Education Service Center at 806-677-5186 or skip.forsyth@esc16.net.

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