

LETTER OF COMMITMENT

between the

**THE EL PASO COLLABORATIVE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
El Paso T-STEM Center**

and

_____ **School**

As a participant in the El Paso T-STEM Center we commit to fully support and endorse the following:

* Prioritize the T-STEM Center initiative as a key component in our School Improvement Plan.

*Fund a T-STEM Leader/Coach or designate a teacher who is granted release time from any teaching duties beyond 2 periods a day. This person will be responsible for supporting teachers in improving classroom practice, organizing and facilitating on site T-STEM Center seminars, and assisting the principal in T-STEM Center improvement efforts. The T-STEM Leader/Coach will attend the week-long T-STEM Center Summer Institute and all follow-up seminars.

*Establish a team of T-STEM teachers that comprise a majority of your identified focus area faculty to implement T-STEM and attend a week- long T-STEM Center Summer Institute, three full day follow-up sessions during the academic year, and other sessions as needed.

*Implement the T-STEM Center curriculum units and content-based case studies.

*Provide teacher stipends for summer or Saturday professional development, as well as instructional materials to support T-STEM Center improvement efforts.

*Ensure principal participation and leadership of the El Paso T-STEM Center work, including attendance at four leadership seminars a year.

*Participate in T-STEM Center research and evaluation including providing access to student achievement data and classroom observations, and ensuring completion of interviews and surveys.

*Ensure attendance at the El Paso T-STEM Center Convocation by the principal, assistant principal, counselor, math and/or science participating teachers, person responsible for the master school schedule, and the T-STEM Leader/ Coach.

Agreed to on this day _____, 2007.

Principal

**District Associate Superintendent
for Curriculum and Instruction**

T-STEM Leader/Coach

Campus Improvement Team Chair

Select area of focus: _____ Mathematics/Algebra I _____ Science/Chemistry
Select grade level focus: _____ Middle School _____ High School

Teacher Team

Printed Name

Signature

