Texas City High School Wins School Pacesetter Award

High school honored for empowering teachers to identify and solve problems

July 11, 2018 — Texas City High School in Texas City, Texas, won a Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. TCHS was honored at SREB's 32nd Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference on July 11 in Orlando, Florida.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that use HSTW Key Practices to transform teaching and learning and motivate students to succeed in college, careers and life. Texas City High School is implementing an array of improvement initiatives focused on creating a safe, friendly, collegial and challenging learning environment.

The school's distributed leadership model encourages teachers working in focus teams and professional learning communities to collaborate to find solutions to problems. Two TCHS faculty members are currently leading a second cohort of teachers through professional development on project-based learning. TCHS also extended the school day to give students extra time to take part in club activities, receive individualized learning interventions or participate in tutorials.

The High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference brings together educators from schools that have implemented the instructional strategies of SREB's school improvement programs. These schools have increased focus on career and technical education by redesigning assignments around projects that often involve both academic and career pathway classes.

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