



Important Message from TECEC January 3, 2007

TECEC is thrilled to officially unveil our long awaited, newly revamped website at <http://www.tecec.org>, which received approximately **one million** hits in 2007.

Please take immediate notice of TECEC's first research brief of 2008 related to a recent research evaluation of the Texas Early Education Model (TEEM). You will find important links and information including:

- A link to the Edvance Evaluation;
- TECEC's Response to the findings of the evaluation (Research Brief Number 1, January 2007);
- Letter from Edvance to TEA Commissioner Robert Scott;
- The most recent report from The State Center for Early Childhood Development to the Texas Legislature. One of the requirements of Senate Bill 23, which significantly expanded TEEM, is to provide progress updates; and
- A recent report from the State Center titled "Texas Early Education Model: Findings from 2 years of implementation."

If you have any questions related to the above information you can contact TECEC at 512-476-7939 or John W. Gasko at jgasko@tecec.org.

We hope you enjoy the new layout of the TECEC website which includes new sections such as "Talk of Texas," "Press Room," and "TECEC Travel."

The "Talk of Texas" section is coming soon and will feature a series of research briefs that profile examples of high-quality early childhood education across the Lone Star State. Our "Press Room" section is dedicated to news media interested in TECEC press releases or opinion editorials. "TECEC Travel" will

keep you updated on where TECEC staff will be each week as we work to improve the early childhood education system in Texas.

Have a wonderful start to 2008 and we look forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely,

Your TECEC Team