**Hays County Geography/Social Studies Educator Research Synopsis**

The geography course offerings at universities do not match the needs of future K-12 geography/social studies educators. In particular, the multitude of introductory courses ostensibly channels students into one area of geography when a more versatile approach would seem to be what is needed.

Through the examination and cataloguing of college course offerings and surveying of K-12 geography/social studies educators an assessment will be made of the state of affairs and determine ways to fill the gaps.

The examination of college course offerings will be conducted at Texas State University-San Marcos and Texas A&M University, two of the acknowledged leaders in K-12 and college geographic education, respectively. Surveying will be conducted among geography/social studies educators in Hays County, Texas, the home of Texas State University-San Marcos and one of the fastest growing counties in the state