All Systems Go! **How Katy ISD Trains** and Supports its CTCs

# Mission Specialist: Jud Anderson 23rd y



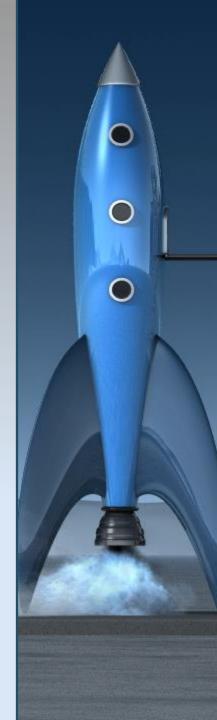
23rd year in public education and have taught in elementary, junior high and high schools. 8 years as CTC 7 years as District Assessment Specialist (DTA)

Two children: daughter (Caroline 22) and Son (Paul Michael 29).

Married 33 years to my beautiful Andrea.

I live in a multi generational home.

Dad to 2 really barky dogs.



# Mission Specialist: Patrick LeClair

- 20<sup>th</sup> year in education.
- 5 years as a CTC; 4<sup>th</sup> year as an Assessment Specialist/DTA.
- Married to Tonya, an Art teacher.
- Two sons—Auden and Paxton.
- Human to two rescued Goldens named Moose and Shadow.
- And still waiting for my Buffalo Bills to win that elusive Super Bowl.









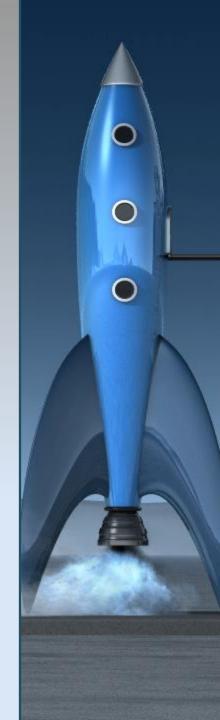
# Mission Specialist: Cathy Hart

- 26th year in education.
- 5 ½ years as CTC
- First full year as Assessment Specialist/DTA

Fun facts: One son, Chris, also a teacher/coach who is recently engaged to Mariah. Mom to 2 rescue dogs (Vannie and LuLu). Weekends are spent hiking and/or running wrestling







### Who is Katy ISD?

- Located in Region 4
- About 25 miles west of Houston
- 44 Elementary Campuses
- 17 Junior High Campuses
- 9 High School Campuses
- 4 Non-traditional campuses
- 92,783 students as of 11/3/2022

#### And we are growing!

- 2 more elementary schools opening in Fall 2023
- One junior high and one high school opening in Fall 2024



13.7%

36 496

White

Pacific Islander

Two or More Races

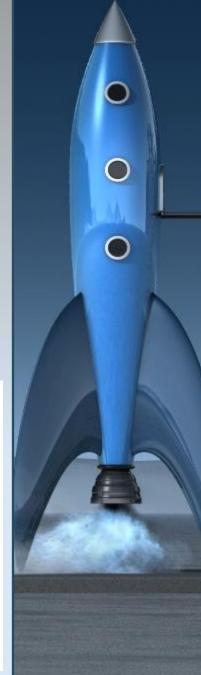
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Hispanic

African American

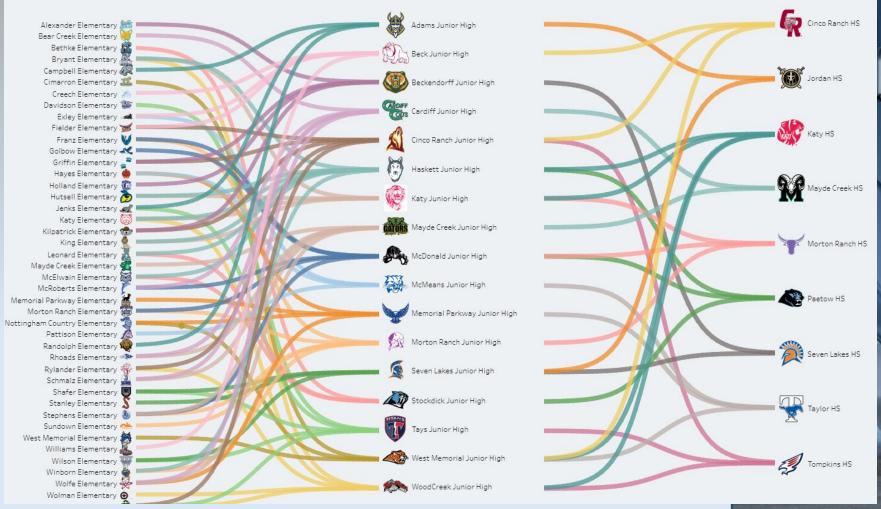
Native American

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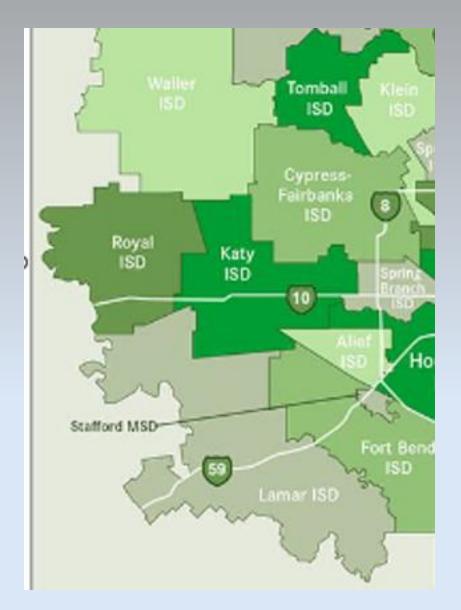


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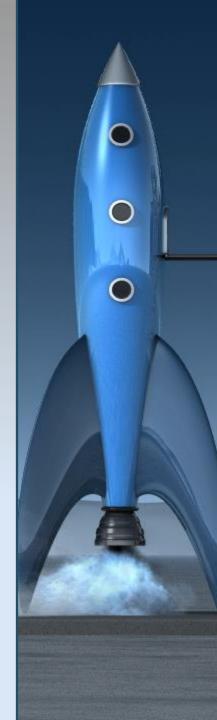


### Who is Katy ISD?



Bordered by 8 school districts.

There are schools from other districts within a mile of Katy ISD schools.







## Some of Katy ISD's locations



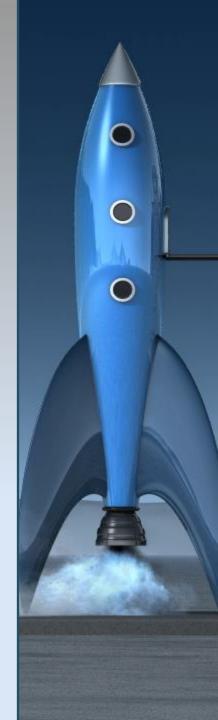




### What we do in SNAP...

- SNAP = State and National Assessment Programs
- We coordinate, train, and provide campuses support and guidance for successful test administrations.
  - State Assessments (STAAR, EOC, STAAR Alternate 2, TELPAS, TELPAS Alternate)
  - Interim Assessments (supporting Local Assessment)
  - National Assessments (PSAT/NMSQT, TSIA, AP, SAT, ACT, NAEP, ASVAB)
  - Credit By Exam
  - Special Projects (any other thing our DTC takes on)

- Each Assessment Specialist covers an "area" of schools. "Your" Assessment Specialist is your first point of contact with questions.
- Each Specialist also "Leads" certain tasks.



### Who we support...

### Elementary CTCs are

- Designated by their campus principal
- They are Instructional Coordinators or Counselors or Assistant Principals
- Testing is an "other duty as assigned" at our elementary schools.

### **Junior High Testing Facilitators**

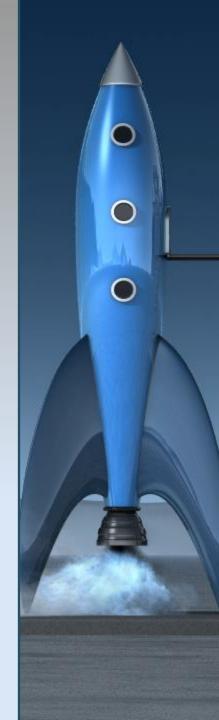
- Full-time CTCs
- They are given other duties in addition to testing— TAC coordinators, HB 4545 role, MTSS (rti) coordinators, lunch duty, administrator on duty.



### Who we support...

**High School Testing Facilitators** 

- Full-time CTCs
- National Assessments, such as PSAT and SAT
- Other duties assigned depending on the campus leadership, such as lunch duty, IGC, SSD for National Assessments, etc.





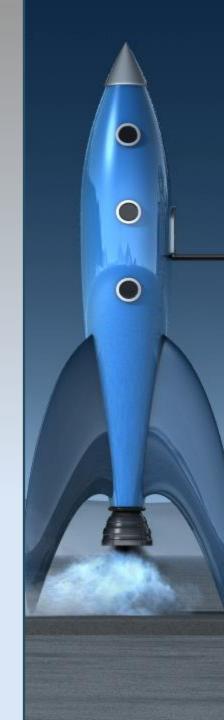


### What's With All The Rockets?

For the 2022-2023 school year, we created a common theme for testing that focuses on launching online testing for STAAR/EOC and TELPAS Writing, changes in Designated Supports, and our addition of Interim Assessments across multiple grade levels.

#### All Systems Go!

- Our Fall Academy training welcoming CTCs
- Broad overview of the school year
- Introduces CTCs to how we support and train them, where our resources are located, and testing changes/updates
- Community building activities
  - -Foam rocket launch contest
  - -Building paper rockets
  - -Introductions and "getting to know you" game



### In the past...

Katy ISD trainings have evolved over the past few years. But prior to 2019-2020 they looked relatively the same.

NEW
(and Not-So-New)
TEST COORDINATOR
TRAINING ACADEMY
2015-2016

Department of Research, Assessment, and Accountability (RAA) Fall, 2015 New (and Not-So-New)
Campus Testing Coordinators
Fall Academy
2016-2017

Department of Research, Assessment, and Accountability (RAA)

New (and Not-So-New)
Campus Testing Coordinators
Fall Academy
2017-2018

Department of Research, Assessment, and Accountability (RAA)





### STAAR

Welcome to 2016 STAAR Training! rrovined by
Katy ISD Department of Research, Assessment, and Accountability

Be thinking about some good news that you would like to share, and Please help yourself to the beverages and snacks!

## Welcome to 2017 STAAR Training! Katy ISD Department of Research, Assessment, and Accountability

Be thinking about some good news that you Please help yourself to the beverages and

Your CTC bag includes your training

## Welcome to 2018 STAAR Training! Raty ISD Department of Research, Assessment, and Accountability Be thinking about some **good news** that you would like to share! Welcome to 2018 -2019 STAAR Training! Provided by Katy ISD Department of Research, Assessment, and Accountability

### **TELPAS**

## TELPAS

Campus Testing Coordinator
Training





Katy ISD February 2016

## TELPAS

Campus Testing Coordinator
Training

Katy ISD February 2017



## TELPAS

CAMPUS TESTING COORDINATOR TRAINING

KATY ISD IANUARY, 2018



## **TELPAS**

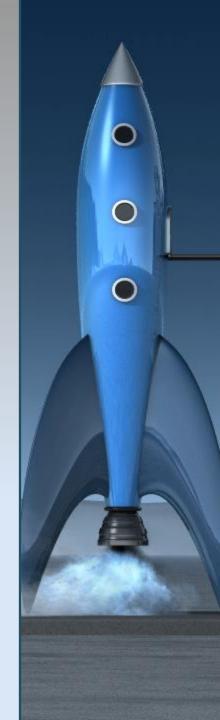
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KATY ISD

IANUARY, 2019

### **How We Once Trained**

- PowerPoints were nearly identical each year.
- Presentations were divided evenly by the number of presenters.
  - -- Each presenter created their own section.
  - --Information duplicated in the presentation.
  - --Lengthy presentations.
  - -- Trainers were cut off in the middle of a section.
- Expertise was limited to your own section.
- Collaboration very limited.

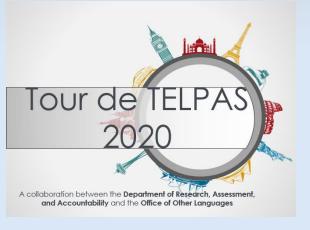


### Then themes became a thing

2019-2020 we had a different theme for each training











### Welcome — We Are Glad You're Here







Test Security and Confidentiality Training 2019-2020

### Then themes became a thing



### **Mission POSSIBLE**

Test Security
and Confidentially
Campus Required Training

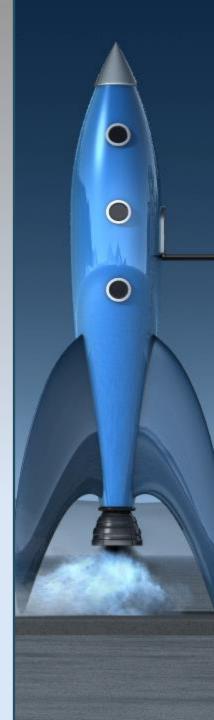
Presented by the Department of Research,
Assessment, and Accountability - Office of SNAP

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In 2021-2022 we felt the need to have an over-arching theme for assessment that symbolized starting over and starting anew. "It's Time to Hit the Reset Button"

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Live Music, Movies and Theatre, Sporting Events, Travel, and State Assessment Trainings!

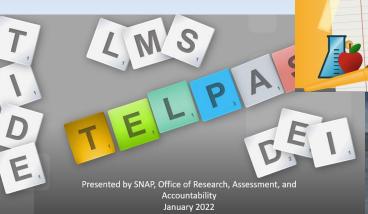
**Back to In-Person Activities** 



STAAR

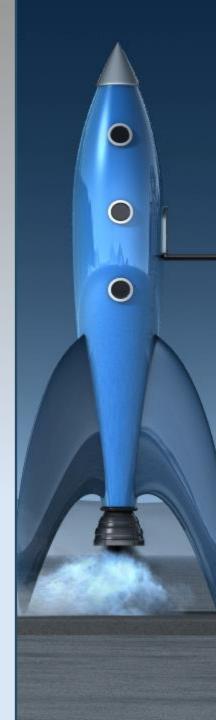
2022
Presented by the Office of SNAP in Research, Assessment, and Accountability, in conjunction with the Office of Special

Alternate 2



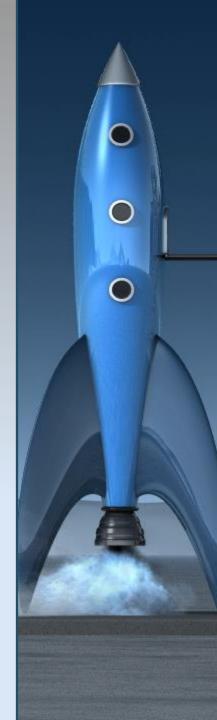
### **How We Now Train**

- Presentations are created, revised, and edited as a group.
  - -- Duplication of information largely removed.
  - --Overall length of presentation and training shortened.
  - --Allows for more streamlined trainings.
  - -- More time for questions and collaboration afterward.
- Presenters alternate as speakers fluidly, mostly slide-to-slide, but sometimes in small chunks of slides.
  - --This allows for smooth transitions throughout.
  - --Trainers free to add on to another trainer's slide.
  - --Allows for back-and-forth banter.
  - --Expertise in the presentation is more holistic.



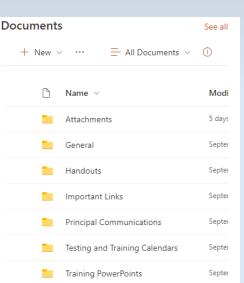


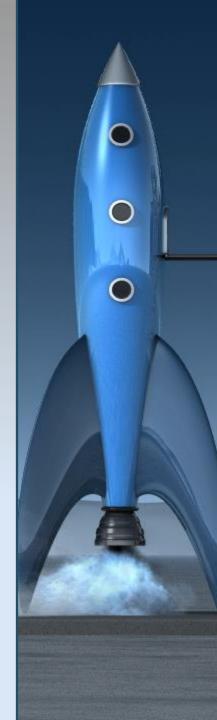
- Face-to-Face CTC trainings for Test Security, December EOC, TELPAS/TELPAS Alt, and STAAR.
- Zoom CTC training for STAAR Alt 2 and Alt 2 Test Administrators.
- Face-to-Face Designated Supports training for CTCs and district SPED, 504, ESL, and Interventions.
- Face-to-Face Cambium trainings for CTCs and campus Interim Assessment Managers, along with additional Cambium set up assistance.
- PSAT and SAT School Day Support
- Support Summer EOC Testing Facilitators by creating training PPT, printing and sorting test tickets, etc.



- Follow up CTC trainings—short, allows for Q&A, address state assessment updates.
- We create eCourse trainings for campus staff on basic Test Security and Designated Supports to reduce CTC training responsibilities.
- New this year—we moved away from a Google website that housed all our handouts, training PowerPoints, and other information we pass on to our CTCs to using SharePoint in MS Office 365.







We use T-Snap Shares for ideas.

#### **CAMPUS TEST PLAN** 2022-2023 CAMPUS: \_ Directions: The Campus Test Plan is a tool to help you plan and prepare for state testing on your campus. The information you provide in your plan is essential for having a successful testing year. Please work with campus administrations, SPED staff, ESL staff, MTSS and 504 leads to complete this plan. TRAINING CAMPUS TEST COORDINATOR (CTC) TRAINING: All Campus Test Coordinators (CTC's) must be trained in test security and general testing procedures and provide training specific to each administration. Training is also required prior to campus training and receipt of test materials. Required CTC Trainings required Trainings Date of Training Date completed training Designated Supports TELPAS STAAR Alternate 2 TELPAS Alternate All Systems Go follow ups Date reviewed the District and Campus Coordinator Resources and Test Administrator Manuals Campus Training Requirements: All campus personnel who participate in district and state-mandated testing or handle secure test materials are required to receive annual training in general test security and various specific test administration procedures as applicable. CTCs must train all test administrators on their campus and meet with their principal so that the principal is informed and has input on scheduling and other matters affecting testing. All testing personnel are responsible for complying with district and state assessment requirements and must meet the eligibility requirements detailed on the DCCR and the appropriate test administration manuals. Required CTC Trainings You will need to schedule training for campus test administrators. Make sure to reserve rooms and any equipment needed for \_ Prior to campus training, TA's received and have read the appropriate manual(s) \_\_\_ Training materials were provided to staff and sign-in sheets are required How will your campus handle checking out STAAR test administrator manuals? \_\_\_ How will your campus handle checking out TELPAS TA manuals? \_\_\_\_

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Want to share? Click HERE to share on TSNAP Shares!



We buy gifts and give out door prizes at trainings.





This year we went a bit more practical....

We gave them paper.
Over 1100 reams of paper for our campuses to print testing tickets and session IDs for summative testing.



