



**Advisory Committee Telephone Conference Minutes
May 20, 2009**

Present: Winston McCowan, Palestine HS; Susanna Garza, ESC-20; Richard Loeffler, ESC-20

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Wrapping up the semester
 - a) ESC-20 will issue certificates for students who participated in the Just in Time Online Tutor as well as recognize the ones with the most usage per campus.
 - b) ESC-20 will raffle prizes for students that participated. Equal weight will be given to each student that used the resource, regardless of the number of sessions or minutes because the amount of assistance varies according to each student's need.

Tutor.com will furnish 4 iPod Shuffles and 12 \$10 iTunes gift cards for the raffle.

- 3) Progress

Palestine HS reported an increase in performance in most areas covered by accountability ratings. They achieved recognized status based on this year's performance. They also saw an increase in attendance and a significant reduction in discipline referrals. The administration has also seen a boost in teacher and student morale. It was perceived that the online tutor along with other campus efforts contributed to these improvements.

Palestine HS will continue to use NovaNet, Study Island and online tutor for additional assistance during summer school. A major area of focus will be on students who need to retest.
- 4) ESC-20 has contacted schools to request comments, anecdotes and other documentation to be included in the final report. This final report will also include documentation of attendance, TAKS scores and end of course exam performance, morale, discipline referrals. Although ESC-20 is aware that this data can't all be attributed to the online tutor, we want to include in the report all the areas that have been impacted by the pilot implementation.