THE SOLUTION
When Region 10, an Education Service Center in Richardson, Texas, learned about the upcoming changes in 2020, they studied technology-enhanced items (TEIs) to understand their impact on teaching. Region 10 then prioritized supporting teachers and preparing them for this challenge. This led to the creation of 20,000 high-quality TEIs and the launch of TEKSbank Classroom. TEKSbank Classroom is a new formative assessment application that integrates with learning management systems, making it easier for teachers to access the new interactive questions. Region 10 partnered with ExamSpark to develop TEKSbank Classroom and use their best-in-class content management platform to author and deliver the items to partner assessment systems, ensuring wide accessibility for student preparedness.

THE CHALLENGE
In 2023, a monumental shift was on the horizon for Texas schools. The state’s standardized assessment, STAAR, was going fully digital. The move away from recorded answers on scantrons meant the introduction of a new platform and new technology-enhanced items. Teachers faced a tough task—getting students prepared for a test that demanded a deeper understanding of the material in a new platform. How would they prepare students for this new way of testing?

RETURN ON INVESTMENT
Region 10 aims to be a student-focused partner, offering innovative educational solutions. TEKSbank, Texas’ premier item bank, operates on a break-even basis, prioritizing impact over profit, and offers unparalleled value. Subscribing schools receive free access to TEKSbank Classroom and its new technology-enhanced items, benefiting over 3 million students in 5000 Texas schools. The return on investment goes beyond financial savings for districts, as TEKSbank Classroom saves teachers time with ready-to-use questions and an intuitive platform.

LEARNING IMPACT OUTCOMES
TEKSbank Classroom improves learning outcomes and STAAR 2.0 preparedness by enhancing educator resources and providing actionable data from formative assessments. It simplifies assessment creation, offers quick data analyses, supports differentiated learning, integrates with popular LMS platforms, and ensures alignment with TEKS standards.

- Efficient Assessment Creation: Integrates with LMSs like Google Classroom, Canvas, & Schoology for easy TEKS-aligned formative assessment creation, saving educators time.
- Data Analysis and Feedback: Provides tools for quick, actionable data analysis, including visual representations and immediate feedback to the student.
- Differentiated Learning Support: Offers a vast question bank and a variety of question types to support tailored assessments for diverse learning needs.
- Integration and Accessibility: Learning Management Integrations ensures easy access within existing digital environments that students and teachers use every day.
- Alignment with Standards: Ensures all assessments are aligned with Texas standards, promoting focused teaching and learning.
- Enhanced Formative Assessment: Enables quick creation of TEKS-aligned formative assessments for real-time student checks for understanding.

For when you want to give teachers the gift of time... and mean it.