

## TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF PRESS RELEASE

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### AUTHENTIC FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

**TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF vs. CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF-FREMONT  
KICK-OFF 7:00pm FRIDAY AUGUST 31**

**Austin, Texas – August 31, 2012** Today, the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) Rangers face off against the Eagles from California School for the Deaf-Fremont (CSD-F). Kickoff is at 7:00 pm at TSD's Gamblin Field – 1102 South Congress Avenue.

Though you will not have the half-time marching bands, if you have not seen the TSD Rangers in action, this is a unique opportunity to see two teams – consisting of players and coaches who are all deaf or hard of hearing – compete against each other. It's no surprise that tonight's game is creating quite a buzz.

"This game is one of the several important games for us this season, says TSD's Head Coach, Kelvin Etkie.

"We are thrilled to have CSD-F come out at the start of the season, adds Etkie. Our hats are off to CSD-F for making this happen. We certainly know how hard it is to travel out of state the first week of school. We will return the favor next year and visit there to play on their home turf in 2014."

"We are truly thrilled about this authentic 'Friday Night Lights' game - *Texas style*, adds CSD-F Head Coach, Warren Keller. If the anticipation among Deaf schools across the country is any indication, we'll see some real excitement, on and off the field."

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#### ABOUT THE TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (TSD)

The Texas School for the Deaf is the oldest continuously operating public school in Texas. Educating deaf and hard of hearing students of Texas since 1856, the campus also provides outreach and educational resources for students, their families and professionals in the field throughout the state of Texas. With educational excellence and a strong belief in a culture and community at TSD, students form a unique identity based on their individual strengths and talents. TSD is an environment where students learn, grow, and belong. For more information about the Texas School for the Deaf, visit <http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/>.

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