

Comal Independent School District

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TPES principal to take head position at MVMS in 2010-11

After serving the students, staff and parents of Timberwood Park Elementary school for two years, the school's principal Dr. Sean Maika will take the head position at Mt. Valley Middle School at the start of the 2010-11 school year.

Although Maika said he would miss being a part of the Timberwood Park family, he said he is ready for new challenges and opportunities as a middle school principal at Mt. Valley.

"The goals I set out to accomplish at Timberwood Park have been met," Maika said. "Therefore, I am ready to stretch myself professionally."

Maika opened Timberwood Park in 2008 and he, along with his staff, helped the school earn the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) Exemplary status in its first year. Prior to taking the lead position at Timberwood Park, Maika served as the assistant principal at Specht Elementary School from 2002 to 2008.

"Sean is a strong instructional leader with terrific communications skills," said Comal ISD Superintendent Dr. Marc Walker. "I am confident his leadership style and enthusiasm for public education will be well received in the Canyon Lake feeder pattern."

Between 1995 and 2002, Maika served as a fourth and third grade teacher in first Lewisville ISD in Lewisville, Texas and then in Northeast ISD in San Antonio.

Maika earned his bachelor's degree in 1995 from Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi, and his master's degree and doctoral degree from the University of Texas in San Antonio in 2000 and 2007, respectively.

Maika will replace Mt. Valley's current principal Scott Hammond, who will become the principal at Church Hill Middle School in 2010-11.

“I hope to carry on, and hopefully enhance, the great things already happening at Mt. Valley,” said Maika. “I am looking forward to getting to know the staff, parents and students. Additionally, I am excited about the UIL events and putting a secondary twist on elementary learning techniques. I can't wait to join the Canyon Lake High feeder pattern. Go Hawks!”

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