

Comal Independent School District

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Comal ISD's first Project LEAD a success

Congratulations to the following Comal ISD Project LEAD (Leaders Engaged in Administrator Development) graduates.

This was the district's first LEAD class. The project is designed to give current teachers and district curriculum specialists who have their eyes on a future job as an assistant principal a better chance of being hired.

Through eight one-hour sessions at Comal ISD's Support Services Building, Project LEAD prepared potential administrators by covering topics like leadership development, employee relations, communication skills, curriculum and instruction, budgeting, purchasing, and school district operations. The program began in December and officially ended when the graduating class was presented with certificates at the May school board meeting.

Here is a list of Comal ISD's first graduating LEAD class: Kim Lyssy, Debra Watley, Cheryl Smith, Shirley Gerdes, Michael Smith, Stacy Wilkie, Jennifer Smith, Trista DeLaCruz, Wendy Moore, Melissa Johnson, Kate O'Reilly, Vanessa Brown, Jessica White, Jarrett Cochran, Delia Castillo, Staci Weaver, Kathy Balmos, Tom Benich, Nan Meyers, Margaret Hamilton, Dean Hofer, Jan Bettersworth, Martha Pittman, Alan Davis, Linda Dreibrodt, Joanna Henry, Shannon Piles, Aryn Standeford, and Stephen Foster.

"We tried to come up with things we felt were critical for someone who was going from the classroom to an assistant principal's position to know," said Bob Presley, Comal ISD Assistant to the Superintendent who spearheaded the program. "I feel it was a great success and will be a program we continue to offer in the future."

Pictured are members of the first Project LEAD graduating class at the Comal ISD Support Services Building in August receiving administrative calendars they designed. Included in the calendars are dates marked that would

be important to administrators, such as principals' meetings, TAKS testing dates and school board meetings.

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