



## Press Release

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### **Ron Myers, Ph.D. Named Principal of O.A. Peterson Elementary School**

Ron Myers, Ph.D., an educator with 25 years of experience as a teacher and administrator, was named the new principal of O.A. Peterson Elementary School in far north Fort Worth. Myers currently serves as the director of intervention support in Keller ISD, where he has worked since 2002 as a principal and assistant principal.

“Dr. Myers brings proven leadership and a passion for public education,” said NISD Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. “His expertise in curriculum and his leadership style are a perfect fit for Peterson Elementary. He is a very strong addition to our Northwest ISD team and I am confident he will make a smooth transition to an already excellent school.”

The role of principal is not new to Myers. He led Keller ISD’s Trinity Meadows Intermediate School, Whitley Road Elementary School, and was an assistant principal at South Keller Intermediate. Prior to that, he held school leadership positions in Oklahoma in the towns of Ponca City and Chickasha. His teaching experience includes elementary school positions in Fort Worth, Fort Hood, and Norman, Okla.

Myers, who currently works in Keller ISD’s central office, says he is excited to return to a campus and have the opportunity to work with students and families every day. “I am looking forward to Peterson Elementary for a number of reasons,” Myers said. “Peterson is a school that’s an excellent place for kids. With high expectations, meaningful relationships, and strong interactions with the community, I know that we can provide students with opportunities for success.”

Myers’ belief about creating opportunities for students mirrors the Northwest ISD vision that every student will be future ready. “At Peterson, we’ll work together to increase our own expertise and knowledge, and we’ll ultimately provide students with choices – choices in life to be successful,” Myers said.

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Myers has led schools through several initiatives designed to improve student success. From reading reform to integrating technology in the classroom, Myers' efforts have improved student and campus achievement. "With experience in a fast-growth school district and hands-on work with diverse communities, Dr. Myers is a great asset to our growing area," said Rue.

In addition to his positions in public education, Myers serves as an adjunct teacher at Texas Woman's University and Dallas Baptist University. He holds a bachelor's degree from East Central University, a master's from Baylor University, and he earned his doctorate of educational administration from the University of Oklahoma. His professional development experience includes participation in a U.S. Department of Education workshop in Oregon, an international reading conference in Louisiana, National Staff Development Council conferences, and work at The Principals' Center at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

In a unanimous vote at the January 23 school board meeting, the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Ron Myers, Ph.D. He succeeds Todd Rogers, who was recently hired as principal of Northwest ISD's Chisholm Trail Middle School. Principal Rogers has already begun his transition to Chisholm Trail Middle School, and Myers will take the helm at Peterson Elementary in February.

O.A. Peterson Elementary School is located in one of the fastest growing areas of Northwest ISD. Situated in the southern portion of the school district, Peterson is located in the Tehama Ridge neighborhood in far North Fort Worth. The school opened in the fall of 2008 with 237 students, and the campus currently serves approximately 550 students.

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