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NISD's Sandy Conklin Named Principal of Samuel Beck Elementary School

Mr. Sandy Conklin, who is the current principal at Northwest ISD's Prairie View Elementary School, has been named the new principal of Samuel Beck Elementary. Conklin says he's looking forward to finishing this year with the students and staff at Prairie View and he's eagerly anticipating the new opportunities at Beck.

"I'm excited to work with another talented staff at Beck Elementary," Conklin says. "The Beck community is one that values high expectations and my goal is to not only sustain their success but to continue to grow together and build on the tradition of excellence that's already been established."

"Mr. Conklin brings 15 years of excellent experience, including leading Prairie View to exemplary status," says Northwest ISD Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. "He is passionate about creating and maintaining a strong campus culture and he is an ideal fit for Beck Elementary." As Rue recommended Conklin to the Board of Trustees at the March 18 board meeting, she said, "He's a strong educator who will lead that school to continued success, and we're proud to make this recommendation." The board approved Conklin's move to Beck with a 7-0 vote. Conklin will replace current Beck Principal Deborah McCune, Ed.D. in the 2013-2014 school year when Dr. McCune opens NISD's Wayne A. Cox Elementary School, the district's newest school, opening in Roanoke this August.

Conklin has served as principal of Prairie View Elementary since 2008. Prior to this position in Northwest ISD, he worked as a principal and assistant principal in Crowley ISD. His teaching and coaching experience spans schools from Grand Prairie to Grapevine-Colleyville and Pearsall school districts.

Conklin earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Northern Iowa, his master's degree in educational administration from the University of Texas at Arlington, and he's currently working toward his doctorate in educational leadership. The new principal of Prairie View Elementary School is expected to be named this spring.

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