



## News Release

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### **NISD Welcomes 240+ New Teachers to the District, Offers Ambassador Academy to New Teachers**

The week of August 11 marked New Teacher Academy Week in Northwest ISD. The district welcomed 241 new teachers on August 12 during the annual New Teacher Breakfast sponsored by Northwest ISD's Education Foundation.

After a welcome breakfast and presentation from Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., new educators spent the morning in New Teacher Ambassador Training from Friends of Texas Public Schools. This unique training opportunity provided a look behind the curtain to learn what's really impacting schools and how the community and staff, as leaders, can advocate for education and make their voice heard.

"The conversation is changing – one voice at a time. Northwest ISD and Texas public schools are achieving amazing things for students," explains Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. "All too often, we hear special interest groups give mostly false and misleading reports of what is going on in public schools."

The ambassador program was designed to celebrate our many achievements, honor those who work in our schools and more importantly, spread the good news. Last school year, the NISD Board of Trustees recognized approximately 39 community members and 74 staff members for participating in the district's first community and staff ambassador training academy.

In addition to the ambassador training program, NISD offers Leadership NISD, a program to promote the vision of the district, develop community leadership and serve as a resource for community input. After positive feedback from Leadership NISD and ambassador training participants, NISD extended the opportunity to new teachers. Ryan Russell is a graduate from Northwest ISD, now an NISD educator. He will be a teacher and a coach at Chisholm Trail Middle School. "I am so glad to now work for a district which gave me so much," said Russell.

"We welcome our new teachers to team NISD," Rue said. "We want them to know great things are happening in Texas public schools and in Northwest ISD."

This year, NISD is excited to team up once again with Friends of Texas Public Schools to initiate another ambassador training cohort for NISD staff members. The academy for staff members will kick off in September and involves four sessions, each two hours in length and focused on sharing the strengths and achievements of our public schools that are rarely shared.

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