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Penny Bowles Named Principal of NISD's Sonny & Allegra Nance Elementary School

At the April 25 School Board Meeting, Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. recommended Penny Bowles as the new principal of Sonny & Allegra Nance Elementary School.

"It is my privilege to recommend Penny Bowles as the principal of Nance Elementary School," said Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., superintendent of schools. "She is currently the assistant principal at Lakeview Elementary School and is a strong instructional leader. I am confident she will be a wonderful addition to the Nance community."

The NISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved the hiring of Bowles at the meeting on Monday evening. Bowles has served Northwest ISD for 11 years as a third grade teacher, campus instructional teacher, summer school principal at Seven Hills Elementary School and an assistant principal at J. Lyndal Hughes Elementary School. She has also taught fourth grade in Decatur Independent School District.

"I am truly excited to serve the students, staff and community of Nance Elementary School as principal," said Penny Bowles. "I am passionate about providing a premier education for all students, and I look forward to collaborating with staff and building upon the culture already established at Nance Elementary."

Bowles has a master's of education in educational administration and a bachelor's of science in interdisciplinary studies from Texas Woman's University. She is a member of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association and the Association of Supervision of Curriculum and Development. Her innovative ideas in the math classroom have awarded her a \$8,927 grant from the Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF) and she was the 2006-2007 Northwest ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year. She has participated in career-building programs offered by the district such as Leadership Experiences for Aspiring Principals and Leaders Experiencing Advanced Development.

Ms. Bowles replaces Anita Chaney who will retire in June. Bowles will begin transitioning into her new role as principal this spring.

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