

Board Recognition **Sept. 24, 2024**

Four Elementary Schools Recognized as Model PLC Campuses

Four Denton ISD elementary schools have been recognized as Professional Learning Community (PLC) Model School by Solution Tree, recognizing the campus' sustained success in raising student achievement.

Blanton, E.P. Rayzor, McNair and Savannah Elementary Schools each received the distinction – which less than 500 schools and districts across both the United States and Canada earn.

Schools are recognized based on strict criteria, including demonstration of a commitment to PLC concepts, implementation of these concepts for at least three years and clear evidence of improved student learning over that period. Once measurable results can be seen, the school must explain its practices, structures, and culture and submit its application for consideration by the PLC Review Committee.

Recognized model PLC schools are listed on allthingsplc.info, where they share implementation strategies, structures, and performance with other educators interested in improving their schools. Tools for team collaboration, articles and research about PLCs, blog posts, and other related resources are also available on the site

Model PLC schools demonstrate work in collaborative teams, monitor student learning on a timely basis, create systems of intervention and extension to provide students with additional time and learning support and build teacher capacity to work collaboratively with a focus on improved learning for all students.

Since 1998, Solution Tree has worked to transform education worldwide by empowering educators to raise student achievement. With more than 48,962 educators attending professional learning events and more than 5,500 professional development days in schools each year, Solution Tree helps teachers and administrators confront essential challenges.

The principal of Blanton Elementary is Dr. Landon Turrubiarte. The principal of E.P. Rayzor Elementary is Dr. Sarah Critton. The principal of McNair Elementary is Djenane Bolton. The principal of Savannah Elementary is Andi Hawkins. Susan Rabel is representing SolutionTree.

Community Spotlight

PMC Barbershop Recognized for Work with Denton ISD

Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses, organizations and individuals for their support and exceptional advocacy of public schools. This statewide honor, as part of “Stand Up for Texas Public Schools,” recognizes local businesses and community organizations that partner with school districts, making a difference in the lives of public-school students.

Earlier this summer, PMC Barbershop provided free haircuts to students at both of Denton ISD’s Back-to-School Fairs. These Back-to-School Fairs provided school supplies and other resources – including haircuts – to more than 4,000 students, helping them prepare for the start of the school year.

For the unique way PMC Barbershop has assisted our district, and for going above and beyond to assist our students and staff, we wish to thank the PMC Barbershop for their continued support.

Omar Garcia of PMC Barbershop will be in attendance to receive this recognition.

Texas PTA Reimburses Denton ISD \$545,000 for Five New Buses

The Texas Parent Teacher Association (PTA), through the Texas Clean School Bus Program (TCSB), has reimbursed Denton ISD \$545,000 for the purchase of five new propane-powered buses. The TCSB program is designed to reduce school children’s exposure to diesel exhaust from school buses.

The five new buses replaced old units from 2005.

Dr. Sheryl Alden, Director of Transportation, and Alan Wilcox, Fleet Maintenance Coordinator, will be in attendance to receive this recognition.

Board Spotlight

Denton High Teacher Seth Ross Named Named TexTESOL V Teacher of the Year

The TexTESOL V (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Teacher of the Year is an annual award given to an exemplary English Language Teacher from the

North Texas area. This past spring, Denton High teacher Seth Ross was one of only three recipients of the TextESOL V Teacher of the Year award.

Mr. Ross has taught for more than 24 years and has spent the past decade at Denton High. He has spent his career advocating and ensuring that emergent bilingual students receive the best education possible and are able to access the very best opportunities to achieve their dreams.

Mr. Seth Ross will be in attendance to receive this recognition. The principal of Denton High is Joel Hays.