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ELEMENTARY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM TO BENEFIT STUDENTS IN PK-5 *Campuses Receive Grants to Support New Program*

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Elementary schools in the Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) are planning to implement a new program to cultivate leadership skills in elementary-age children beginning next year. “*The Leader in Me*” program is based on ideas from Stephen R. Covey, best-selling author of “*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*,” that are tailored to young people. Approximately 1,500 schools across the country have implemented this program, a process that builds a leadership-focused school culture. Training delivered by representatives of the FranklinCovey organization will occur in August for all elementary campus staff.

The Leader in Me produces transformational results such as higher academic achievement, fewer discipline problems, and increased engagement among teachers and parents. Even more importantly, *The Leader in Me* equips students with the self-confidence and skills they need to thrive in the 21st Century.

Two campuses – Dripping Springs Elementary and Walnut Springs Elementary – were selected from hundreds of schools across the country to receive a grant from the I Am A Leader Foundation, a national, private grant-making charity, to implement *The Leader in Me*.

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