



# Principals' Institute

 N2 Learning

*Summer Conference 2018*

**June 7-8 • Hilton Post Oak**  
Houston, TX

## THURSDAY, JUNE 7

- 9:15-10 a.m.** **Continental Breakfast** *Ballroom B/C*
- 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** **General Session 1** *Ballroom B/C*  
Welcome  
Superintendent Panel  
2018 Schools Transforming Learning
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.** **Lunch** *BLVD Ballroom*
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.** **Breakout Session 1**
- 2:30-2:40 p.m. Break
- 2:40-3:40 p.m.** **Breakout Session 2**
- 3:40-3:50 p.m. Break
- 3:50-4:50 p.m.** **Cohort Roundtables**
- 4:50-6 p.m.** **Reception** *BLVD Foyer Ballroom*
- 6-7 p.m.** **Dinner** *BLVD Ballroom*
- 7-8:30 p.m.** **Social** *BLVD Ballroom*  
Live Band *Runaway Radio*  
featuring PI 7 Melinda Stone

## FRIDAY, JUNE 8

- 7:15-8 a.m.** **Breakfast** *BLVD Ballroom*
- 8-9 a.m.** **Breakout Session 3**
- 9-9:10 a.m. Break
- 9:10-10:50 a.m.** **General Session 2** *Ballroom B/C*  
Keynote Speaker Eric Sheninger
- 10:50-11 a.m. Break
- 11 a.m.-Noon** **Breakout Session 4**
- Noon-1 p.m.** **Lunch** *BLVD Ballroom*
- 1-3 p.m.** **General Session 3** *Ballroom B/C*  
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**GENERAL SESSION 1**

Thursday, June 7  
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### Superintendent Panelists

Tom Crowe, Ector County ISD  
Dr. Carl Dethloff, San Angelo ISD  
Dr. Brad Hunt, Coppell ISD  
Dr. Robin Ryan, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD  
Dr. David Vroonland, Mesquite ISD  
Dr. Martha Zamora, Tomball ISD

# BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Thursday, June 7  
1:30-2:30 p.m.

## **Preparing for the Superintendency**

*Richmond*

**Presenters: Dr. Eddie Coulson & Dr. Ken Helvey (N2 Learning)**

Thinking about becoming a superintendent? In this session we will discuss the thinking and action in preparing to lead a district and how to work toward that goal. We will provide a superintendent's perspective on leadership development and collaboration.

## **A Learner's Journey for Every Child**

*Concorde*

**Presenters: April Falcon-Blanco (PI 7, Terrace ES, Spring Branch ISD); Assistant Principal Lisa Slinkard; Math Intervention & Instructional Coach Nelda De La Rosa; ELA Intervention & Instructional Coach Lindsey Grace**

**Host: Kyalla Bowens (PI 7, Acton ES, Duncanville ISD)**

The Terrace Elementary team will share their redesign journey towards transformation in order to meet the needs of every child.

## **Culture Trumps Everything**

*San Felipe A*

**Presenter: Amy Holderman (PI 7, Bennett ES, McKinney ISD); Assistant Principal Rachel Constantinescu**

**Host: Jana Needham (PI 7, Cambridge ES, Alamo Heights ISD)**

At the heart of every great school is an incredible campus culture. In this session, you'll learn about Bennett Elementary's journey to change culture and how it is transforming learning.

## **Creating a Culture of Learning**

*San Felipe B*

**Presenter: Saneel Bell (PI 4, Morton Ranch JH, Katy ISD); Language Arts Instructional Coach Angela Hinkleman; Math Instructional Coach Kristi Campbell; Science Instructional Coach Rick Turner**

**Host: Melinda Stone (PI 7, Woodcreek JH, Katy ISD)**

In this session, Morton Ranch JH leaders will share how they are transforming their professional learning culture for staff and how that work is transforming learning for students.

# BREAKOUT SESSION 2

Thursday, June 7  
2:40-3:40 p.m.

## Perspectives of PI Alumni in Central Administration

*Forum*

**Host: Danny Modisette (N2 Learning)**

Panelists will discuss the impact of the Principals' Institute experience on their central administration leadership roles and how they are able to support principals from the central office.

## Every Voice Matters

*Concorde*

**Presenters: Robyn Jones (PI 5, Rock Prairie ES, College Station ISD)**

**Host: Maricela Helm (PI 3, George W. Bush ES, Wylie ISD)**

All stakeholders need voice in the organization in order to achieve together. Student ownership of learning occurs when student voice is valued, and parent engagement increases when parent voice is solicited. In this session, we will share examples of how we have worked hard to make sure Every Voice Matters!

## Exploring Uncommon Learning

*San Felipe A*

**Presenter: Cheryl Fisher (PI 4, Wells ES, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD); ELAR Instructional Specialist Lynlea Dickerson, ELAR Teacher Emily Simmons, Math/Science Teacher Drew Huckeba**

**Host: Angie Davis (PI 4, Roberts Road ES, Waller ISD)**

Wells ES teachers and instructional leaders will share their journey of transforming learning at a new school in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD's "Educational Village". The team will discuss what they have learned that facilitates this transformation with instructional design, student engagement, learning targets, assessment, organization, and purposeful collaboration.

## How Do We Make Learning Engaging?

*San Felipe B*

**Presenter: Kristin Harper (PI 6, Randolph ES, Katy ISD); Assistant Principals Michelle Gaskamp and Shaunta Smith**

**Host: Lisa Young (PI 3, O.C. Taylor ISD, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD)**

Come hear all of the ways Randolph ES makes learning fun and engaging for our students! We will demonstrate how we have let students explore their interests as they learn life long tools for success!

# COHORT ROUNDTABLES

Thursday, June 7  
3:50-4:50 p.m.

•••Guests should attend Cohort Roundtables with their PI host.•••

## Cohorts 1/2/3

*Forum*

**Facilitators:** **Mark McCord** (PI 3, Stockdick JH, Katy ISD)  
**Grisel Wallace** (PI 3, Heritage ES, La Porte ISD)

## Cohorts 4/5

*Concorde*

**Facilitators:** **Angie Davis** (PI 4, Roberts Road ES, Waller ISD)  
**Yolanda Wallace** (PI 5, Prairie View ES, Northwest ISD)

## Cohort 6

*Richmond*

**Facilitators:** **Lindsay Ardoin** (Snyder ES, Conroe ISD)  
**Sheila Shimmick** (Colleyville ES, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD)

## Cohort 7

*Ballroom B/C*

**Facilitators:** **Kyalla Bowens** (Acton ES, Duncanville ISD)  
**Sandy Conklin** (Samuel Beck ES, Northwest ISD)  
**Ethan Crowell** (Beckendorff JH, Katy ISD)  
**Julie Diaz** (Travis HS, Fort Bend ISD)  
**Chris Glasscock** (Rice MS, Plano ISD)  
**Justin Grimes** (Huntsville HS, Huntsville ISD)  
**Amy Holderman** (Bennett ES, McKinney ISD)  
**Gilberto Lozano** (Milam ES, Conroe ISD)  
**Alex Fingers** (Cross Timbers MS, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD)  
**Jeff Stichler** (Caney Creek HS, Conroe ISD)

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## Developing a Community of Learners Within an Educational Village

*Concorde*

**Presenters:** Katy ISD Mindy Dickerson (PI 1, Paetow HS); Mark McCord (PI 3, Stockdick MS), Carrie Lowery (PI 6, Bethke ES)

**Host:** Jeff Stichler (PI 7, Caney Creek HS, Conroe ISD)

In this session we will explore how three campuses are working to form a K-12 educational village. The journey to deeply connect students, staff, and parents at Bethke ES, Stockdick JH, and Paetow HS will be shared.

## Transforming Learning at Dr. Lee Buice ES

*Forum*

**Presenters:** Alicia Press (PI 4, Buice ES, Ector County ISD); Assistant Principal Jessica Rickman, Counselor Christina Shefcik, Teacher Brandy Duggar

**Host:** Melissa Crosby (PI 7, Fields Store ES, Waller ISD)

Buice ES is a vibrant and dynamic community of learners with an unwavering passion for excellence. Since 2015, it has been a pioneer campus for 21st century learning in the Permian Basin. It is equipped with 6 collaborative learning hubs and 45 retractable walls to keep the learning environment flexible, multi-functional, and interactive. This cutting-edge facility is a pinnacle for modern education; but the incredible design is only a small part of its story.

## Our 4 C's of Transformation: Culture, Character, Community, Collegiality

*San Felipe A*

**Presenter:** Melanie Graham (PI 7, Hidden Lakes ES, Keller ISD); Assistant Principal Maria Collins, Counselor Janet Schupp

**Host:** Ida Ford (PI 7, Brazos Bend ES, Fort Bend ISD)

This is the story of Hidden Lakes ES' ongoing journey to transform the learning experience for all students. Campus leaders will share how we built an inclusive culture of care and unity, which enabled the creation of a learning environment where students are confident in their ability to communicate, think critically, and solve problems.

## All Hands on Deck

*San Felipe B*

**Presenter:** Terri Huseman (PI 2, Will Rogers ES, Amarillo ISD); Curriculum Support Lynde Longbine, 4th Grade Melissa Clark, STEM Zone/PRK Christina Greene

**Host:** Grisel Wallace (PI 3, Heritage ES, La Porte ISD)

Will Rogers ES is incorporating STEM, workshop, and 5E models, along with its school garden to provide inquiry-based experiences in all curriculum. Come hear how this shift in instructional practice has changed the image of learning for our students, parents, and staff.

# BREAKOUT SESSION 4

Friday, June 8  
11 a.m.-Noon

## **Transforming Your World Is Easier Than You Think**

*Forum*

**Presenter: Jeff Mann (PI 4, A&M Consolidated MS, College Station ISD)**

**Host: Bethany Medford (PI 5, Cryar Intermediate, Conroe ISD)**

Transforming your school, and by extension your world, is easier than you think. All it takes is a willingness to try a few different approaches, think differently about how you “do school,” and lead by example. In this session you will learn how changes to professional learning, adjustments to campus planning practices, remodeling of classroom learning environments, and most importantly giving permission to fail has transformed the campus culture of AMCMS.

## **Branding Excellence: A Transformation in Educating the Whole Child**

*Concorde*

**Presenters: Sandy Conklin (PI 7, Beck ES, Northwest ISD); Assistant Principal Lindsie Smith**

**Host: LeAnn Fisher (PI 7, Willow Bend ES, Frenship ISD)**

Join 2016 H-E-B Excellence in Education Elementary Principal Dr. Sandy Conklin and learn how Beck ES has transformed into an optimal learning environment. We will discuss our focus on developing deep transferable learning utilizing depth and complexity along with digital tools and platforms. Additionally, you will learn how the school adopted learner qualities to foster a growth mindset.

## **Getting Started with PI Ideas**

*San Felipe A*

**Presenter: Lindsay Ardoin (PI 6, Snyder ES, Conroe ISD); Assistant Principal Crystal Poncho**

**Host: Tasha Smith (PI 5, Peet JH, Conroe ISD)**

PI gives us so many ideas to transform our campuses, but where do you start? In this session we will share how we have taken the many ideas from PI and consolidated them into a slow process – Go Slow to Go Fast! We will discuss Twitter, blogging, student voice panels, instructional rounds, “un-homework,” and other changes made with otherwise “traditional” routines.

## **Blowing Up Your Maker’s Space**

*San Felipe B*

**Presenter: Lorie Bratcher (PI 5, Curtis ES, Weatherford ISD); Assistant Principal Sarah Williams**

**Host: Michelle Rice (PI 5, Hoover ES, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD)**

At Curtis ES, it isn’t just “Maker’s Space,” it’s Innovation Class! In this session, hear how we have blown this small space up to something big for student engagement and learning.



## GENERAL SESSION 2

Friday, June 8  
9:10-10:50 a.m.

### ***Learning Transformed: 8 Keys to Designing Tomorrow's Schools, Today***



*Eric Sheninger*

The current speed of technological breakthroughs has led to the coming age of workplace automation, dramatically altering the world of work that our students will enter. With all that is known about how students learn and the predictions regarding the world that our students will face tomorrow, a one-size-fits-all approach to teaching and learning is educational malpractice. Built on the foundation of leadership and school culture, a redesigned learning experience fundamentally shifts the teaching and learning paradigm to one that's personal. It alters the use of authentic assessments, how technology is leveraged, the spaces in which the learning occurs, the way educators grow professionally, how schools collaborate with the community, and the sustainability of the system as a whole. Eric will dissect this approach to unlocking tomorrow's schools so that today's modern learners leave ready to create new industries, find new cures, and solve world problems.

## GENERAL SESSION 3

Friday, June 8  
1-3 p.m.

### *Peak Moment of Learning*

Through independent and collaborative learning, we will reflect and plan for individual leadership opportunities in our future.

Dear Friends,

We're excited to welcome our Principals' Institute family and, for the first time ever, your guests to PI Summer Conference 2018! This is the 5th annual PI Summer Conference and we hope you leave with not only new knowledge and resources, but a larger network for continued learning and collaboration.

The opportunity to work with the PI network is undoubtedly our greatest privilege. Each year, we continue our commitment to excellence and work to ensure PI continues to be, as many of you have said, "the best professional development opportunity" offered. Know that we value your feedback and work diligently to incorporate new ideas and learning opportunities.

As you begin to plan for the 2018-19 school year, recommit yourself to providing innovative learning opportunities for all and share your stories on Twitter using #txpvi! We encourage you to visit another PI's campus and stay connected to the PI network. It provides energy and support throughout the year!

Please stay in touch. We truly value the partnerships and friendships made with all of you. Let us know what you are doing and how we can best support you. YOU are leading the future of Texas public education and we are here for you!

Sincerely,

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