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**TISD'S JENNEL INGRAM SELECTED FOR
2011 RAISE YOUR HAND TEXAS
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AT HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL**



Texarkana, TX – Jennell Ingram, Principal of Texarkana Independent School District's Theron Jones Early Literacy Center, has been selected by Raise Your Hand Texas (RYHT) as one of the 100 public school leaders in Texas to attend the Leadership Program at The Principals' Center, Harvard Graduate School of Education. She will attend the Leadership: An Evolving Vision Program from July 6 - 12 in Boston, MA.

The program is designed for experienced school leaders to help strengthen and focus their leadership and management skills needed to address educational challenges and raise student achievement. Participants learn from and interact with Harvard faculty, experts on school leadership and their peers to examine effective strategies for leading successful schools. They are provided tools and strategies to become more adaptive and responsive to constantly changing school environments.

The Principals' Center at the Harvard Graduate School of Education provides aspiring and experience school leaders from across the country and around the world with exemplary professional development to meet personal and professional challenges. The Principals' Center is dedicated to the support, development and improvement of school principals and other school leaders who influence the character and quality of a school.

This year's selection process was highly competitive with over 250 applicants. For the 100 principals who were selected, Raise Your Hand Texas will cover the full cost of tuition, travel, room and board and a daily stipend.

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Raise Your Hand Texas is a non-profit, bi-partisan advocacy organization made up of business and community leaders, taxpayers and concerned citizens, all with a single focus: supporting the more than 4.5 million students in the Texas public education system so that every child can receive a quality public education.

RYHT supports high standards and expectations, along with securing the financial resources and tools to increase student performance. In order to raise the bar, RYHT believes: that student achievement and the outstanding results achieved by Texas teachers and administrators should be celebrated; public education will be strengthened by everyone working together to create a safe and effective learning environment for all Texas students; and, that RYHT must help the public understand and acknowledge the challenges and successes of Texas public schools.

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