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TCTA gives Administrator of the Year award to Amarillo ISD principal

AUSTIN – Doug Loomis, principal of Amarillo High School, has been named the 2007-08 Administrator of the Year in the middle/secondary school category by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA). TCTA presents administrator awards annually to honor exemplary education leaders. Founded in 1927, TCTA is an association for Texas teaching professionals and serves 50,000 members across the state.

Loomis has been in public education for more than 20 years, all served in the Amarillo ISD. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Oklahoma Panhandle State University, and a Master's degree in education from West Texas A&M University.

He began his teaching career in 1986, serving as an elementary and middle school teacher. In 1993, Loomis was named assistant principal of Sam Houston Middle School. He served as associate principal at Palo Duro High School and principal of Horace Mann Middle School before being named principal of Amarillo High School in 2000.

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Loomis was selected for the TCTA Administrator of the Year award in the middle/secondary school category based on a nomination submitted by the Amarillo CTA, a local affiliate of the statewide TCTA. Nominees are evaluated according to their leadership skills; relationship with teachers; commitment to site-based decision making; support of teacher participation in professional activities; and interaction with community leaders and district parents. The Administrator of the Year award has been presented since 1981.

The Amarillo CTA nomination commended Loomis for soliciting and respecting teachers' viewpoints. "There can be no better candidate with the passion, desire, drive and perseverance for student and staff learning and success than our principal," they added.

A colleague of Loomis wrote, "Under his leadership, I saw my role as an assistant principal change from a disciplinarian and attendance runner to a true instructional leader. This transformation has given me the skills I apply every day as principal at my campus."

TCTA will honor award winners March 1 in Houston, during the association's annual convention. Educators from across the state will attend the TCTA convention where they will participate in professional development seminars, develop association policy positions, and elect TCTA leaders for statewide and district positions.