



# Rosemead School District

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## News Release

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### Rosemead School District Team Travels to A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School for Leadership Day in North Carolina

**Rosemead, CA, December 21, 2015:** A team of eight Rosemead School District traveled to North Carolina to attend the A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School Leadership Day on November 19, 2015.

The Rosemead team included a Board Member, Superintendent, Administrator, Principals, Assistant Principal, and Teachers. Through their attendance during the A.B. Combs Leadership Day, they were able to see first-hand and experience the quality of a learning-centered model that strives for leadership development within its student body based on Dr. Stephen Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. A.B. Combs is the only magnet school to have been honored as the #1 Magnet School in America, in 2006 and again in 2014. The leadership model at A.B. Combs gained widespread recognition in 2008 through Dr. Covey's book *The Leader in Me*, and since the program's conception in 1999, it has been replicated in over 1,400 schools around the world.



The Rosemead District's journey with the *Leader in Me* program began during the summer of 2008, when a team attended the Panda Restaurant Group/Franklin Covey workshop. The District then introduced the *Leader in Me* program as a district-wide initiative in 2009 with teams of staff attending additional workshops.

Through the continuous support and generous sponsorships from The Panda Restaurant Group and the Panda Charitable Foundation, the Rosemead School District has been able to continue its work and progress of incorporating the Franklin Covey *Leader in Me* and *7-Habits* at all schools.

*Pictured (L to R): front row – Mrs. Karen Carr, RSD Migrant Education Coordinator; Mrs. Muriel Summers, Principal of A.B. Combs; Dr. Amy Enomoto-Perez, RSD Superintendent; Mr. Gabriel Cardenas, RSD Principal; middle row – Mr. Robert Collins, Franklin Covey Executive Director; Ms. Cami Case, RSD Teacher; Mrs. Ginny Ford, RSD Assistant Principal; back row – Mr. Ronald Esquivel, RSD Board President; Mrs. Jessica Ancona, RSD Principal, and Ms. Heather Shotke, RSD Teacher*

Every school in the Rosemead School District began their individual journeys through collaborative efforts and the incorporation of the *Leader in Me* program and the *7-Habits*.

In 2011, Mildred B. Janson Elementary School was the 1<sup>st</sup> school in California to be named a Franklin Covey, *Leader in Me*, Lighthouse School. In 2015, Encinita Elementary School was also named a Franklin Covey, *Leader in Me*, Lighthouse School.

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For more information about the 7-Habits<sup>®</sup>, Leader In Me<sup>®</sup>, or Lighthouse School programs, please visit the Franklin Covey<sup>®</sup> website at [www.franklincovey.com](http://www.franklincovey.com).

For more information regarding The Panda Restaurant Group please visit [www.pandaexpress.com](http://www.pandaexpress.com) or become a fan on Facebook. The Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. is the world leader in Asian dining experiences with more than 1,761 locations in 46 states as well as Canada, Dubai, Mexico and Korea. Founded in 1973, the privately held chain of fast casual, full service and quick service restaurant concepts includes Panda Express, Panda Inn and Hibachi-San.

For more information regarding Panda Charitable Foundation please visit [www.pandacares.org](http://www.pandacares.org). Panda Charitable Foundation's mission is to bring hope to children in need. Our purpose is to support non-profit organizations serving the health and education needs of underserved children.

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