

## **Barbara Spelman Named Cedar Park High School Principal**

**Leander ISD Superintendent Dr. Bret A. Champion has announced that Barbara Spelman has been selected as new principal of Cedar Park High School.** Spelman is currently principal of Monarch High School in the Boulder Valley School District in Louisville, Colorado.

*“Barbara Spelman brings a broad background in administration and education that is coupled with strong organizational and communication skills,”* said Dr. Champion in announcing the hire. *“She has developed and implemented programs to enhance academic progress at both the middle and high school level, and comes to us from a campus where 95 percent of students pursue higher education.”*

Prior to her leadership of Monarch High School in Colorado, Spelman was principal of Austin High School in Austin ISD from 2001 – 2006, and also served as assistant principal at O. Henry Middle School. She taught in Round Rock ISD from 1995 – 1999. **Newsweek magazine listed both Austin High School and Monarch High School among their list of “America’s Best High Schools” during Spelman’s leadership tenure.**

Spelman received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Southern Methodist University in 1983, and received her Teacher Certification from Southwest Texas State University in 1995. She earned her Masters in Educational Administration from SWTSU (now Texas State University) in 1999.

Spelman will begin her duties as Cedar Park High School principal by early July.