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The Palmdale Aerospace Academy announces recruitment of Headmaster

As the leadership of The Palmdale Aerospace Academy (TPAA) collects information and input from community members via their website, <http://www.palmdalesd.org/Domain/396>, it also announced its formal recruitment of a Headmaster.

Palmdale Superintendent Roger Gallizzi is quoted saying, "We're looking for someone with all the requisite leadership and management skills as well as someone who understands the national urgency to create more college and career ready students in order to meet the workforce needs of the community and industry.

When asked about the term "Headmaster" and how this may be different than a traditional principal position, Mr. Gallizzi clarified, "The term, which could also be Headmistress as needed, reflects the unique position of leading a school and performing as the Executive Director of the non-profit corporation which will operate the charter."

Set to open in August 2012, TPAA will begin with grades 7-9. Matthew Winheim, the Palmdale School District Instructional Content Coordinator, is in charge of designing the academic design of this aerospace-inspired, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics-or "STEM"- academy. "Leading this academy is going to take the right kind of person with the right kind of skills," said Winheim. "Our motto here is: Design, Create, and Explore. The academy is focused on workforce development. Our students are going to be competing for jobs in career fields that may not have been imagined or invented yet."

TPAA leadership hopes to have the headmaster in place sometime in February, 2012, with full assumption of leadership duties by July 2012.

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