

Preface

M*aking the Principal TExES Exam Real: Competency-Based Case Studies With Practice Questions* was written to help Texas educators pass the Principal (068) Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES). It is to be used by students and teachers seeking to pass either of the examinations as well as by universities and alternative preparation programs across the state. It is based on the standards, domains, and competencies provided through Texas law (19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 241.15) and developed by the Texas State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC). It is written based on the years of experience Dr. Wilmore has as a teacher, counselor, principal, professor, and school board member. Using those experiences, she is also a popular and inspiring TExES preparation seminar presenter at universities, regional service centers, and other training sites around the state. She speaks, consults, does assessments, and is the keynote speaker at multiple functions across the state, nation, and beyond.

The nature of the book is both broad and specific. Early it provides the philosophy and theoretical framework for success on the Principal TExES exam. It details the Texas domains, competencies, and philosophy on which the exam is constructed. Each of the nine competency chapters provides case studies that are directly aligned to each of the competencies, has open-ended higher order thinking skills questions for discussion, and practice decision set questions with answers that are directly aligned with that competency. All are done in a down-to-earth, interesting manner while engaging the reader and connecting theory to practice.

Making the Principal TExES Exam Real: Competency-Based Case Studies With Practice Questions is also a tremendous asset for current administrators seeking to refine, refocus, or further develop their learner-centered leadership skills. It follows the same format and has the same voice as Dr. Wilmore's other highly successful Corwin TExES exam books:

- *Passing the Principal TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and School Leadership* (2nd ed.)
- *Passing the Superintendent TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and District Leadership*
- *Passing the PPR TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and Ethical Teaching* (With Amy Burkman)
- *Passing the Special Education TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and Exceptional Learners*
- *Passing the Supplemental ESL TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and English Language Learners*

With the author's proven record of success in TExES exam preparation, this book not only provides a solid theoretical framework for teaching ESL it also makes learning fun and inspires greatness. Readers will enjoy the book, be ready to pass the TExES Exam, and then to change the world—one campus at a time.