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Press Release: Estacada School District Recognized Nationally As a Model Professional Learning Community

One of About 200 Schools and One of 14 District in the US and Canada to Receive This Prestigious Honor

Estacada, OR—The Estacada School District was recently recognized by Solution Tree for its sustained success in raising student achievement. The district's successful implementation of the Professional Learning Communities at Work™ process has been a major contributing factor in the improved achievement of its students.

PLCs are schools and districts in which educators recognize the key to improved learning and outcomes for students is on-going, job-embedded learning for the adults who serve those students. The three big ideas of a PLC call upon educators to:

1. Focus on learning.
2. Build a collaborative culture.
3. Create a results orientation.

Responding to news of the recognition, district Superintendent Carpenter said, "We are thrilled to receive news of this award. This represents years of dedicated work from our teaching staff, and a constant focus on student-centered improvement."

Schools are recognized based on strict criteria, including demonstration of a commitment to PLC concepts, implementation of these concepts for at least three years, and clear evidence of improved student learning over that period. Once measurable results can be seen, the school must explain its practices, structures, and culture and submit its application for consideration by the PLC Review Committee.

According to the Champions of PLC at Work™, educators in the schools and districts selected for this recognition have shown “a sustained commitment to helping all of their students achieve at high levels. They have been willing to alter the structure and culture of the organization to reflect their commitment. We applaud them and congratulate them for achieving this very significant milestone on the never-ending PLC journey.”

Recognized model PLC schools are listed on allthingsplc.info. The Estacada School District is proud to be among the few districts throughout the country that have been recognized for their dedication to improved student outcomes through quality PLC work.

ABOUT ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT – The Estacada School District’s mission is to equip every student with the skills necessary to be competent, resourceful and successful. For more information, contact: Maggie Kelly at 503-630-6871 x2911.

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