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### **Parkview Elementary Recognized as a Model PLC School**

CEDARBURG, WI - Parkview Elementary School has been recognized as a model Professional Learning Community (PLC) at Work®. As one of about 200 Schools and Districts in the US and Canada to receive this honor, Parkview was recognized by Solution Tree for its sustained success in raising student achievement. The Cedarburg School District's successful implementation of the Professional Learning Communities at Work® process was 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 for students is ongoing, 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, Principal Jayne Holck said, "I was so excited and proud when I learned that Parkview had been designated a PLC Model School! Our efforts to support staff learning, increase collaboration, and implement PLC practices, have resulted in a more focused use of student data which allows us to design learning opportunities specific to the needs of our students. Our state performance ranking has continued to increase since we began our journey to study and apply PLC concepts and I truly believe that our ongoing and daily application of these concepts by our hard-working and dedicated staff is the reason for our success."

Schools are recognized based on strict criteria, including demonstrating a commitment to PLC concepts, implementation of these concepts for at least three years, and clear evidence of improved student learning. 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."



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