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Center Point-Urbana Intermediate School Recognized as a Promising Practices Professional Learning Community at Work

CENTER POINT, IA — Center Point-Urbana (CPU) Intermediate School was recently recognized by [Solution Tree](#) as a Promising Practices Professional Learning Community at Work® for its initial success in raising student achievement.

The school's commitment to the PLC at Work process has been instrumental in positively impacting student learning. PLCs are schools characterized by ongoing, job-embedded professional development for educators, which is crucial for enhancing student outcomes. Key aspects of the PLC framework include a strong focus on learning, building a collaborative culture, and maintaining a results-oriented approach.

"In early 2022, Center Point-Urbana embarked on its Professional Learning Community journey to ensure all students achieve high levels of learning," said Superintendent John Elkin. "The support from the CPU School Board has been exceptional, and the engagement of the staff has been impressive. The results demonstrate that we are indeed on the right path toward sustained, continuous improvement. We are honored by this recognition and remain committed to our ongoing progress."

Promising Practices schools are recognized for their implementation of PLC concepts over one to two years and for demonstrating improved student learning. To be considered, schools must submit an application detailing their practices, structures, and culture to the PLC Review Committee.

CPU Intermediate School was specifically commended for its comprehensive PLC documents, which clearly outline the team agenda and collaborative efforts. The district's PLC practices reflect a strong commitment to developing a professional learning community and enhancing student achievement.

The Evidence of Effectiveness Committee praised CPU's student learning data, noting significant achievements across all content areas and particularly notable growth among identified student populations, including special education students.

The school will receive a Promising Practices PLC School flag and certificate of recognition from Solution Tree's Evidence of Effectiveness Committee.

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