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District 303 Schools Receive National Recognition for Commitment to Empowering Students

Schools at all levels named distinguished schools for STEM and career learning program

April 10, 2019 - St. Charles, IL – All elementary and secondary schools in District 303 have been recognized as Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished Schools for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students.

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, schools needed to meet criteria that includes, but is not limited to, level of student involvement in PLTW, number of PLTW courses offered, number of students accessing multiple PLTW courses throughout their school careers, as well as student success within PLTW.

Only 426 of the over 11,500 schools across the country, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia that offer PLTW courses to their students, received this honor.

“We are pleased that all of our elementary and secondary schools have been recognized as PLTW Distinguished Schools. This distinction is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff members who are passionate about providing personalized and authentic learning experiences for our students. The implementation of Project Lead The Way throughout the district has allowed us to open a world of innovation, collaboration, problem solving and creativity to students that will serve them now and in the future,” and Dr. Jason Pearson, Superintendent.

“It is a great honor to recognize St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 for their commitment to students,” said Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW. “They are a model for what school should look like, and they should be very proud of ensuring students have the knowledge and skills to be career ready and successful on any career path they choose.”

For more information on D303's PLTW program or to set up a school visit, contact Dr. Melissa Byrne, Director of College and Career Readiness at Melissa.Byrne@d303.org.

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