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JULIA GOLDSTEIN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER RECOGNIZED AS A MODEL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY AT WORK™

One of About 200 Schools and Districts in the US and Canada to Receive Honor

University City, MO - Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Education Center was recently recognized by Solution Tree for its sustained success in raising student achievement. The 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 on-going, job-embedded learning for the adults who serve those students. The three big ideas of a PLC call upon educators to: focus on learning; build a collaborative culture; and create a results orientation.

Principal Crystal Cauley said, “We are honored to be recognized for implementing a successful model for professional learning at the early childhood level that results in academic and social growth for children. We will continue to strive to improve upon our practices.”

Schools are recognized based on strict criteria, including demonstration of a commitment to PLC concepts, implementation 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 to a 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.”

Recognized model PLC schools are listed on allthingsplc.info, where they share implementation strategies, structures, and performance with other educators interested in improving their schools. Tools for team collaboration, articles and research about PLCs, blog posts, and other related resources are also available on the site. The site was developed and is maintained by Solution Tree, a leading provider of educational strategies and tools that improve staff and student performance. For more than 20 years, Solution Tree resources have helped K–12 teachers and administrators create schools where all children succeed.

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On February 21, 1911, with a City population of only 2,417, The School District of University City was officially established. Classes began in September 1912 with a total school population of 769. Today, you will find outstanding educational programs serving a student population of approximately 2,800 with a preschool, four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. In May 2018, University City High School held its 101st formal Commencement Ceremony.

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