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Lindsey Elementary Recognized as Model Professional Learning Community



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Lindsey Elementary School has been recognized as a 2020 Model Professional Learning Community at Work by Solution Tree for its sustained success in raising student achievement. Lindsey Elementary is one of about 200 schools and districts in the U.S. and Canada to receive this honor. Successful implementation of the Professional Learning Communities at Work™ process has been a major contributing factor in the improved achievement of its students.

Schools and educators that embrace Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) recognize the key to improved student learning 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.

Principal Dr. Anisa Baker-Busby said, “We are honored and feel we are on the right track to improvement. The hard work and effort of our teams have increased the learning outcomes for our students and teachers. Our teams are relentlessly focused and intentional about doing the right work for our students in our PLC at Work. Our administrators and teachers have truly developed a culture of ‘our students,’ and have embraced collective responsibility for all students. We have a true collaborative culture that is mission driven and dedicated to loving, serving and caring for ALL. I am extremely thankful and proud of our teams.”

Model schools are chosen based on strict criteria, to include demonstrating a commitment to PLC concepts, implementation of PLC 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 an application for consideration by the PLC Review Committee.

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Lindsey Elementary is a Title I school, with about 300 students enrolled in grades PreK - 5. In 2018, the school had gains in progress data and an increase in groups who met improvement targets. In 2019, Lindsey had an 18-point increase in progress, resulting in an overall score of 98 and outperforming both the district and state. Gains were also made in climate scores, survey results from the staff, students and parents, and an increase in school attendance.

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, 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.

Lindsey is the second school in the district to earn this recognition. Houston County High School was also chosen for this honor this year.

Lindsey Elementary School is located at 81 Tabor Drive in Warner Robins. Dr. Baker-Busby can be reached at Anisa.Baker-Busby@hcbe.net or 478-929-7818. To review the school's PLC submission, visit this [link](#).

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