

## Press Release

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## Campbell Elementary Recognized as a Model Professional Learning Community at Work™ One of About 200 Schools and Districts in the US and Canada Receive This Honor

**Golden, CO (January 9, 2019)** -- Campbell Elementary was recently recognized by Solution Tree for its sustained success in raising student achievement. The school's successful implementation of the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) at Work™ process was a major contributing factor in the improved achievement of its students.

PLCs are schools 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.
- Create a results orientation.

Campbell's Instructional Coach Jacquie Baker said, "I am proud to work in a school that has shifted its focus from that of teaching, to that of learning," with news of the honor.

Schools are recognized based on strict criteria, including demonstration of a commitment to PLC concepts and clear evidence of improved student learning. Assessment data released for the previous school year show that Campbell students exceeded growth in both reading and mathematics. This performance led to Campbell receiving the 2018 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award for exceptional growth from the Colorado Department of Education.

"The Governor's Distinguished Improvement award is evidence that the efforts of the staff, alongside PLC best practices, and teachers unending desire to ensure all kids learn to their fullest potential, is making a difference for our kids," said Principal Ryan Stadler.

According to the Champions of PLC at Work™, educators in the schools 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. 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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