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Pattonville wins Missouri professional development award

The Pattonville School District has been awarded the Missouri Commissioner of Education's Award of Excellence for Professional Development. Pattonville is one of three in its category (mid-sized school districts) to receive this statewide award.

The award recognizes select school districts in Missouri who can clearly demonstrate that their professional development program contributes to improvements in instruction and student achievement.

"We are pleased to receive this award," said Superintendent Hugh Kinney. "This award is a tribute to the hard work and determination shown by countless staff and our Professional Development Committee to make learning experiences meaningful for our students."

Kinney specifically thanked the school board, members of Pattonville's Professional Development Committee, Dr. Mike Fulton, assistant superintendent who oversees professional development, and all the district and building level teachers, administrators, support staff and parents who contributed to the preparations and site visits that lead to Pattonville achieving this honor.

The district was recognized at the 2004 Show-Me Professional Development Conference on March 28. As part of winning the award, Pattonville was invited to give a presentation on its successful practices at the Commissioner's Education Conference.

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