



Newsletter

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Millard Public Schools Recognized

NFUSSD Member District Millard Public Schools is now an official, published case study on continuous improvement! Millard, developed by Ezra Millard more than 125 years ago 12 miles southeast of Omaha, is a vibrant suburb in the heartland of America. NSBA has just included Millard Public Schools in its latest publication, *Leading Change, The Case for Continuous Improvement*. The publication selected three school districts nationwide to showcase how great strides in continuous improvement were made.

Being a very good school district was not enough, Millard's school leaders were going for great. In March 2004 the school board approved a mission statement for the next five years: to guarantee that all students will be prepared for personal success and responsible citizenship in a global society by creating a world-class educational system characterized by innovation and diverse opportunities designed to challenge each student. School Board member Jean Stothert said, "We feel we can make this guarantee because of our assessment and our curriculum."

To learn more about Millard's efforts, contact Millard Public Schools at 402-895-8208 or visit their website at www.mpsomaha.org. Millard's folks will also do a presentation on this topic at the NFUSSD Fall Conference in Baltimore County, MD.

Fall Conference Plans Underway

Plans for the 2005 NFUSSD Fall Conference are almost complete. Mark October 9-12 on your calendar and watch the mail in late April/early May and/or check the NFUSSD website (www.nfussd.org/nfussd.htm) for the agenda and registration details. The Conference will be held in Baltimore County, MD, at the Hunt Valley Marriott located 20 minutes from Baltimore's Inner Harbour. The conference theme is "Focused on Quality, Committed to Excellence". A focus "work alike" group meets to discuss issues, concerns, and successes in their field. This year it will be Information Technology personnel. Conference contact is Brenda Stiffler, 410-887-4126.

District Requests Are a Resource for YOU

Remember that if you need information on a proposed policy, practice or issue, try a NFUSSD District Request. Superintendents (or appropriate staff) send the request to the NFUSSD office and we circulate it to the membership. Responses are sent directly to the requesting district.

St. Charles Gets SACS Accreditation

A team of educators has recommended that NFUSSD Member District St. Charles Parish receive a **districtwide** accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The prestigious accreditation is the first for a school district in Louisiana! The SACS team found that St. Charles Parish School District excels in having high expectations for students; has an educated and committed School Board; embraces diversity; has a focused, talented professional staff; and has involved parents. Congratulations!



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July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005**

- Baltimore County, MD
- Charleston County, SC
- Clayton County, GA
- Davis District, UT
- DeKalb County, GA
- *Duval County, FL
- *Granite District, UT
- *Greenville County, SC
- *Jordan District, UT
- *Kanawha County, WV
- Millard District, NE
- North Kansas City, MO
- Spokane, WA
- St. Charles Parish, LA
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NFUSSD Websites

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Baltimore County
Website: www.bcps.org

Charleston County
Website: www.ccsdschools.com

Clayton County
Website: www.clayton.k12.ga.us

Davis School District
Website: www.davis.k12.ut.us

DeKalb County
Website: www.dekalb.k12.ga.us

Duval County
Website: www.educationcentral.org

Greenville County
Website: www.greenville.K12.sc.us

Granite District
Website: www.granite.k12.ut.us

Jordan School District
Website: www.jordandistrict.org

Kanawha County Schools
Website: www.kcs.kana.k12.wv.us

Millard Public Schools
Website: www.mpsomaha.org

North Kansas City School District
Website: www.nkcsd.k12.mo.us

Spokane Public Schools
Website: www.spokaneschools.org

St. Charles Parish Public Schools
Website: www.stcharles.k12.la.us

Topeka Public Schools
Website: www.topeka.k12.ks.us