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## Elkhorn Area School District Receives National Recognition for Commitment to Empowering Students

### *Named a distinguished district for STEM and career learning program*

**ELKHORN, WI – Elkhorn Area School District** announced today that it has been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished District for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students through its PLTW programs. It is one of just 24 districts across the U.S. to receive this honor. [PLTW](#) is a nonprofit organization that serves millions of PreK-12 students and teachers in schools across the U.S.

Jason Tadlock, District Administrator stated, “It is a great honor to be one of only 24 districts nationwide to be honored as a District of Distinction. This is our third year in a row receiving this distinction and it is representative of all the great work done by our staff at all grade levels throughout the school district. EASD families can be assured that their students are receiving access to the best STEM programming available in the world. The fact that we are one of 24 out of 18,000 plus districts in the country is pretty phenomenal.”

The PLTW Distinguished District recognition honors districts committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, Elkhorn Area School District had to have had 20 percent or more of its students in each grade, PreK-12, participate in a PLTW program during the 2018-19 school year.

Through PLTW programs, students develop in-demand knowledge and skills that they will use both in school and for the rest of their lives, on any career path they take. As PLTW students progress through grades PreK-12, they are empowered to engage in problem-solving and process thinking, develop technical knowledge and skills, build communication skills, and explore career opportunities.

Elkhorn Area School District offers PLTW Launch (4K-5), PLTW Gateway (6-8), and PLTW Computer Science, Engineering, and Biomedical Science courses at grades 9-12.

“It is a great honor to recognize the Elkhorn Area School District for their commitment to providing students with an excellent educational experience,” said Dr. Vince Bertram, President

and CEO of PLTW. "They should be very proud of their work to ensure students have the knowledge and skills to be career-ready and successful on any career path they choose."

Elkhorn Area School District is part of a community of 4K-12 schools, colleges and universities, and corporate and philanthropic partners across the country united around a passion for providing students with inspiring, engaging, and empowering learning opportunities. For more information about PLTW's recognition program, visit [pltw.org/our-programs/program-recognition](http://pltw.org/our-programs/program-recognition).



For more information on Elkhorn Area School District's PLTW programs or to set up a school visit, contact **Jason Tadlock** at **262-723-3160 EXT 1401**.

**Project Lead The Way (PLTW)** is a mission-driven organization that is transforming the learning experience for millions of PreK-12 students and thousands of teachers across the U.S. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. PLTW's teacher training and resources support teachers as they engage their students in real-world learning. Approximately 12,200 elementary, middle, and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia offer PLTW programs. For more information on Project Lead The Way, visit [pltw.org](http://pltw.org).

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