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Poway Unified School District Accepted into National Network of Innovative School Districts

Poway Unified joins Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, to partner with other leading educators, entrepreneurs, and researchers from across the country

The Poway Unified School District (PUSD) was accepted today into the League of Innovative Schools, a national coalition of forward-thinking K-12 school districts organized by Digital Promise, a nonprofit organization with the mission to accelerate innovation in education and improve the opportunity to learn for all through technology and research.



PUSD was selected from a competitive national pool of applicants based on its leadership, evidence of results, innovative vision for learning, and commitment to equity and excellence.

“As Superintendent of Poway Unified School District, I am committed to ensuring that we are creating culture and conditions to support world-class learners. Partnering with the League of Innovative Schools will allow us to innovate through people-driven networks to promote positive changes in education and ensure that all children have access to an equitable and high-quality learning experience,” Superintendent Marian Kim Phelps said. “As a member, Poway Unified will bring research-based, cutting-edge initiatives, which drive innovative and unique learning opportunities for students to ultimately maximize each student’s potential for greatness. I believe in learning forward

through a cycle of continuous improvement, and I am excited for the opportunity to learn from and with a network of forward-thinking leaders in education.”

Background

The League of Innovative Schools, launched in late 2011, accepts new members through an open application process once per year. With their new members, the League now includes 114 school districts in 34 states. The full list of members can be found at digitalpromise.org/districts.

“The League of Innovative Schools works to advance equitable opportunities and outcomes for students, and solve challenges facing schools through powerful use of learning technologies and research,” said Kim Smith, executive director of the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools. “We welcome our new League members and look forward to working with them to further catalyze positive change in public education.”

League members are represented by their superintendent, who commits to:

- Attend biannual League meetings, which feature classroom visits, collaborative problem-solving, and relationship-building with peers and partners;
- Participate in League challenge collaboratives on a broad range of topics relevant to the changing needs of school districts;
- Support Digital Promise research and provide feedback so it translates easily into classroom experiences and expands what we know about teaching and learning;
- Engage with entrepreneurs to advance edtech product development steeped in the latest learning science and meets district needs; and
- Participate in the League’s professional learning community by connecting with other members online, in person, and at each other’s school districts.

In addition to superintendents’ participation, there are also opportunities for other school administrators, principals, and teachers from member districts to participate in League and Digital Promise-related initiatives.

The League will officially welcome new members at its fall 2019 meeting on October 16 in Loudoun County, Virginia, where more than 250 superintendents, district leaders, partners, and researchers from across the country will convene.

For more information on the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, visit: digitalpromise.org/league.

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