



Nearly 1,200 principals across Missouri are advancing their leadership learning through MLDS. The idea of being the lead learner is not just a convenient notion; it sets the tone for adult learning in your building. Are you an MLDS principal?

Why?

“An effective principal’s impact is stronger and broader than previously thought, making it ‘difficult to envision’ a higher return on investment in K–12 education than the cultivation of high-quality school leadership.” (Wallace, 2021)

What?

MLDS provides school leaders with:

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| 1 | Leadership Learning |
| 2 | Implementation Support |
| 3 | Peer Network |

Check out what colleagues in the Central region are saying about MLDS...



I firmly believe the Missouri Leadership Development System is a necessary and positive experience for all of Missouri's school leaders. The learning process of being a strong leader cannot stop with the earning of a degree. As we face a variety of challenges in our school we need school leaders who understand how to lead through difficult times, maintain a strong and positive school culture, and connect with other leaders for problem-solving in the region and the state. I would strongly urge all superintendents to provide their principals with the opportunity for this experience. A few days a year can make the difference for a school and its students for a long time.

– Steve Ritter, Superintendent, Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District

Growing educators is a passion of mine! I believe that supporting new educators doesn't stop at classroom teachers. The MLDS program provides this support to new administrators. As a former MLDS participant and a current MLDS mentor, being a part of this support system has allowed me to grow as a building administrator and now have the opportunity to support new administrators. It is not breaking news that education continues to be a challenging, yet rewarding field to work in. The professional development and relationships that are made through MLDS become a resource and lifeline.

– Heather Shaffer, Principal, Leeton R-X School District

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