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St. Mary Parish School Receives National Recognition for Commitment to Empowering Students

Named a distinguished school for STEM and career learning program

Hales Corners, WI – St. Mary Parish School announced today that it has been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students through PLTW Launch. It is one of just 404 elementary schools 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.

“I am thrilled to announce that we have been named a Project Lead the Way Distinguished School AGAIN! Thank you to Mrs. Julie Vanderhoef, our PLTW Lead Teacher, and PLTW teachers Ms. Liz Machi and Mr. Adam Czajkowski, along with Mrs. Angelia Vogt, our Director of Curriculum and Learning Support. These awards are only possible with the leadership and instruction of qualified and dedicated staff members,” said Principal Maria Schram.

Studies show that students decide as early as elementary school whether they like, and think they are good at, math and science. Whether designing a car safety belt or building digital animations based on their own short stories, PLTW Launch students engage in critical and creative thinking, build teamwork skills, and develop a passion for and confidence in STEM subjects.

“It is a great honor to recognize St. Mary Parish School 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.”

St. Mary Parish School is part of a community of PreK-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.

For more information on St. Mary Parish School’s PLTW Launch program or to set up a school visit, contact Maria Schram at 414-425-3100.



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.

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