



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

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Dear Prospective Candidate:

On behalf of Polk School District, thank you for your interest in preparing yourself to support every child in our district to succeed. The Polk School District Aspiring Leaders Program is designed to support you, the aspiring leader, in understanding how our district's strong sense of leadership beliefs help to shape your effectiveness as a leader.

The first step in the process for becoming a member of the Polk School District Aspiring Leaders Program is to complete the attached application. This application requests evidence of eligibility and responses to a writing prompt. All candidates will be interviewed by a panel of Polk School District leaders. At the close of the interviews, the selection committee will notify candidates of their acceptance into the program. The first cohort of Aspiring Leaders will consist of twenty members.

While participation in the program does not guarantee a future leadership position in Polk School District, it is an opportunity for those selected to advance their leadership potential. Because the content of the program is aligned with the real work of schools, it is imperative that a prospective candidate clearly articulates his/her leadership qualities, strengths, and experiences in the application process. Please review the enclosed eligibility criteria and selection process for additional information.

Best Regards,

Laurie Atkins
Executive Director for Professional Learning