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CharacterPlus® Celebrates Missouri Schools Receiving 2022 Promising Practice Recognition

(July 11, 2022) St. Louis, MO... CharacterPlus®, the longest-running character education initiative in the country, is proud to announce Missouri's 17 schools and one district named 2022 Promising Practice Schools and Districts of Character. Nationally, 146 schools and six school districts received the honor this year.

Each of these Promising Practice programs and initiatives demonstrate significant impact and strongly aligns with one or more of Character.org's 11 Principles that help schools and organizations to intentionally cultivate a culture of character. These exemplary practices include peer mentoring, service-learning, and character-affirming approaches to conflict resolution.

One of the highlights of our year at CharacterPlus is recognizing the hard work and dedication of these schools. This year Missouri and New Jersey lead the nation in Promising Practice schools as a percentage of each state's total school population. Missouri schools and school districts include:

Cold Water Elementary
 Don Earl Early Childhood Center
 Hancock Place Elementary
 Hancock Place High School
 Hancock Place Middle School
 Hiram Neuwoehner High School

Jefferson City Academic Center
 Ladue Early Childhood Center
 Marthasville Elementary School
 Ridge Meadows Elementary
 Rockwood Valley Middle School
 School District of Washington

Selvidge Middle School
 Senn-Thomas Middle School
 Taylor Early Childhood
 Wilckens STEAM Academy/Hillcrest
 Wild Horse Elementary
 Woerner Elementary



CharacterPlus, located in St. Louis, is a partnership-based nonprofit organization committed to equipping school stakeholders with the resources they need to provide high quality character education. Through CharacterPlus, schools receive evidence-based development and training in effective character education for school transformation.

The 11 Principles of Character Education and State Schools of Character are trademarks of Character.org in Washington, DC. Character.org and CharacterPlus have been partners in character education since 1993.

For additional information about this recognition or each school's journey to State or National School of Character designation, please contact Nicole Diehl, Missouri Schools of Character Coordinator, at ndiehl@characterplus.org, or visit us at characterplus.org.

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