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**Missouri Schools Recognized for Achievement in  
Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support**

149 Missouri public and charter schools will be recognized for exemplary implementation of Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support (SW-PBS). SW-PBS is an evidence based, proactive approach to teaching and reinforcing behavioral expectations in order to improve student behavior, maximize instructional time, and increase student engagement.

The exemplar schools will be honored during the thirteenth annual Missouri SW-PBS Summer Institute (SI) opening ceremonies on Tuesday, June 19th at 1:00 p.m. at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, MO. Over 1000 educators are expected to attend this conference to celebrate our exemplary schools, network with other educators, and learn about systems, data and practices that improve behavioral outcomes for students.

Jennifer Freeman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut; Diane Myers, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Special Education, Texas Woman's University; and Timothy J. Lewis, Professor, University of Missouri–Columbia, will provide keynotes around the SI theme of *Creating Places Where Everyone Belongs*. Participants will have the opportunity to choose from over 70 Breakout Sessions on various topics related to implementing SW-PBS at all three tiers.

Ignite Sessions and the Poster Session will give participants a small bit of information about a SW-PBS topic and then provide structured networking time afterwards to explore topics further while networking with other schools across Missouri and from around the world.

Our third annual Film Fest will highlight schoolwide expectation teaching videos from schools around Missouri and one school will be crowned the winner of the 2018 Summer Institute Film Fest.

The event will be capped off with our second annual *Administrator Breakfast and Networking* featuring keynote speaker, Chris Hubbuch, Ed.D., Director of Secondary Education, St. Joseph Public Schools. We are looking forward to a successful learning and networking experience for our schools.

Successful systematic changes, such as SW-PBS, will serve as the method for The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education implement the *Show-Me Success* strategic plan.

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