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Webster Groves School District Curriculum Coordinator Selected as PDK Emerging Leader

ARLINGTON, Va.—Chris McGee, curriculum coordinator for the Webster Groves School District in St. Louis, Mo., has been named a PDK Emerging Leader for his work in serving the St. Louis education community through the creation of his Edcamp events named #EdcampSTL.

“I love thinking about, discussing, and influencing change in the ‘what we teach,’ ‘how we teach,’ and most importantly ‘why we teach.’” McGee said. “Leadership is truly seeing something as inadequate or ineffective and taking action to inspire change. Our students deserve that and education is too important to not act.”

In addition to starting the Edcamp movement in St. Louis, McGee is also creating a 501c3 non-profit organization called Connected Learning that supports organic, personalized, customizable learning opportunities for educators.

PDK International, the education association that has recognized McGee as an up-and-coming leader in the K-12 profession, will host McGee and 25 other education change agents at a weekend networking event this December. The PDK Emerging Leaders will gather in Washington, D.C., meet with federal education policymakers, and share best practices with each other.

“The Emerging Leaders program is our way of paying it forward in public education,” said William J. Bushaw, PDK International’s executive director. “We find people under 40 who are standouts in the profession and we bring them together for a weekend of networking and expertise-sharing in the nation’s capital. By investing in these young leaders, we are investing in the future.”

PDK International is an association that represents nearly 30,000 professionals in K-12 education across the country. Every year, it recognizes a new class of PDK Emerging Leaders. For more information on PDK’s 2013-2014 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to www.pdkemergingleaders.org. Information about PDK International is at www.pdkintl.org.

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