

United Conference

In July, Ashley Johnson, Josh Greenwalt, Danelle Stutzman, and Heather Hepworth attended the United 2025 Conference for Principals. This national leadership event brought together educators from across the country to learn from keynote speakers such as Jimmy Casas, Joe Sanfelippo, Jim Knight, and John Maxwell. The experience offered an opportunity to learn beyond our region, engage in reflective conversations, and return re-energized to lead with focus, purpose, and connection.

Danelle Stutzman

My biggest takeaway was the power of setting intentional goals. That idea became our school theme this year – 'Focusing on what we want to happen.' When leaders are clear on their goals, the entire school gains focus and direction.



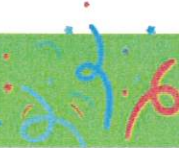
Josh Greenwalt Hi!

Hi..my name is Josh

Stephen Covey reminds us to 'sharpen the saw.' Being surrounded by leaders pursuing excellence reignited my own commitment to continuous growth. Investing in leadership development helps us bring renewed energy and innovation back to our schools.

Ashley Johnson

Joe Sanfelippo reminded us that 'people won't change how they talk about schools until we change how we talk about schools.' We're working to build a 'confetti culture' that celebrates joy, connection, and everyday success stories.



Heather Hepworth

Culturize reminded me that great schools are built through daily habits of compassion, consistency, and belief in others. As leaders, we must champion students, expect excellence, carry the banner, and be merchants of hope – modeling the culture we want to see every day.



How This Benefits Our Schools

- Strengthens collaboration and shared leadership across schools.
- Reinforces positive culture through recognition and storytelling.
- Refocuses staff on purposeful goals and outcomes.
- Builds leadership capacity to support teachers and students.
- Brings nationally recognized strategies back to our rural community.

