



# District & University Partnership

Springfield District 186 & Illinois State University  
*Learning Focused Leadership*

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# Purpose

It is to the advantage of a district to have the highest quality of learning-centered leaders in order to support student achievement.

A partnership with leader preparation program helps to ensure the best prepared cadre of academic leaders.



# Program Components

- ➔ Co-Designed
- ➔ Team Taught
- ➔ Theory and Practice
- ➔ Master's Degree/Type 75
- ➔ Cohort in Springfield
- ➔ Expectation to take on leadership role
- ➔ Course embedded internships



# Advantages to District

- ➔ Prepared Pipeline to the Principalship
- ➔ Opportunity to influence program courses
- ➔ Opportunity to utilize district philosophy, data, and practices
- ➔ Opportunity to teach courses



# Advantages to University

- ➔ Having highly qualified and motivated students in class
- ➔ Offering a program that blends theory and practice
- ➔ Working with district whose goals and values correspond to the university
- ➔ Applying cohort practices to on-campus instruction & new cohorts



# Advantages to the Students

- ➔ Opportunity to have an integrated and relevant curriculum versus unrelated schedule of coursework and requirements.
- ➔ Enjoyed balance and varied backgrounds & expertise of instructors
- ➔ Opportunity for applied, meaningful internships
- ➔ Local cohort