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### Huntley 158 Accepted Into League of Innovative Schools

*One of just three districts in Illinois*

HUNTLEY, IL – Huntley Community School District 158 has been accepted into the League of Innovative Schools, a national coalition of forward-thinking school districts organized by Digital Promise, a nonprofit organization with the mission to accelerate innovation in education and improve the opportunity to learn for all through technology and research.

Huntley 158 was selected from a competitive national pool of applicants based on its leadership, evidence of results, innovative vision for learning, and commitment to collaboration.

“Gaining acceptance into the League of Innovative Schools is truly an honor and a mark of excellence in our efforts to transform education for today’s students,” said Superintendent John Burkey. “We look forward to learning and sharing with other leading schools districts from throughout the country.”

The League of Innovative Schools, launched in late 2011, accepts new members through an open application process once per year. With the new members, the League now includes 93 school districts in 33 states. The full list of members can be found at [digitalpromise.org/districts](http://digitalpromise.org/districts).

“The League of Innovative Schools works to improve outcomes for students and solve the challenges facing K-12 schools through powerful and smart use of learning technologies and research,” said Kim Smith, executive director of the League of Innovative Schools. “We’re excited to welcome our new League members and further amplify the collective voice of the League to advance positive change in public education.”

League members are represented by their superintendent, who commits to:

- Attend biannual League meetings, which feature classroom visits, collaborative problem-solving, and relationship-building with peers and partners;
- Participate in League challenge collaboratives on a broad range of topics relevant to the changing needs of school districts;
- Support Digital Promise research and provide feedback so it translates easily into classroom experiences and expands what we know about teaching and learning;
- Engage with entrepreneurs to advance edtech product development steeped in the latest learning science and meets district needs; and
- Participate in the League’s professional learning community by connecting with other members online, in person, and at each other’s school districts.

In addition to superintendents' participation, there are also opportunities for other school administrators, principals, and teachers to participate in League and Digital Promise initiatives.

The League will officially welcome new members at its fall 2017 meeting on October 31 in South San Francisco, held in partnership with the [EdSurge Fusion conference](#).

For more information on the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, visit: [digitalpromise.org/league](http://digitalpromise.org/league).

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