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### **Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District Earns Wisconsin State Journal Top Workplaces Award for Second Consecutive Year**

**Middleton, WI, March 23, 2026** – The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District was honored as a Wisconsin State Journal Top Workplaces Award for the second consecutive year. The award highlights employers that recognize accomplishment; provide work-life balance; and offer a supportive, transparent and mission-driven work environment.

“Our educators and staff pour their hearts into teaching and supporting our students every day, and in turn, we strive to offer a workplace and culture where staff are empowered and supported,” said MCPASD Superintendent Dr. Dana Monogue. “Last year, we were the first school district to receive this honor, and it’s validating to win again. It’s also an honor to be recognized among Dane County’s top large employers.”

Honorees are selected based on employee feedback. Employees share their perspectives on a variety of factors including pay, benefits, professional development opportunities, workloads and work-life balance.

MCPASD has 1,163 employees in full- and part-time roles, and 60% of the District’s staff members hold advanced degrees. The diverse District – 72 languages are spoken at students’ homes – consistently earns accolades for its strong academic, athletics and arts programs for its 7,100 students.

The Wisconsin State Journal Top Workplaces Award follows recognition for the District by Niche.com, which named MCPASD the #1 Best School District in the Madison Area for the sixth consecutive year. In addition, Middleton High School was recognized as the #1 school in the Madison Metro Area in the 2025-2026 *U.S. News & World Report’s* Best High Schools rankings. Finally, Middleton High School has won three state championships in the 2025-2026 school year – Boys Swim & Dive, Girls Swim & Dive, and Boys Volleyball – as well as an individual state title in Boys Wrestling.

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#### **About Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District**

The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District (MCPASD) serves 7,126 students across 12 schools in Middleton, Cross Plains, and surrounding communities. For many years, MCPASD has been recognized by Niche as one of the highest-rated school districts in the state, a reflection of its commitment to academic excellence, student support, and community partnerships.