



## Spotlight School Results

### **Pulaski High School** Somerset, KY

**Jim Shipley & Associates congratulates Pulaski High School for its implementation of the continuous improvement approach.** JSA, in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education Recovery Leaders and Recovery Specialists, supports Pulaski High School in its continuous classroom improvement journey. The results shown in this overview speak for themselves!

#### **PCHS Recognized for "Best Practice" at Continuous Improvement Summit**



Pulaski County High School was recently recognized by KDE for developing and implementing the "Best Practice" of using Professional Learning Communities as vehicles for continuous improvement. During the Continuous Improvement Summit, PCHS received a \$500 check that may be used for school improvement. Pictured left to right: Terry Holiday, Education Commissioner; Mike Murphy, PCHS Principal; Steve Butcher, Superintendent of Pulaski County Schools

#### **Pulaski County High School (98% Distinguished/Progressing)**

Pulaski County High School will support Priority and Focus Schools within their region of Kentucky. This school was selected based on progress made in student learning, superintendent and district level support, excellent understanding of the turnaround process, strong vision of leadership, communication with stakeholders, and being a learning-centered school.

#### **PULASKI COUNTY SCHOOLS RANKED IN TOP 2% OF DISTRICTS IN THE STATE** Again earn "distinguished district" designation

The recent release of the state assessment scores finds the Pulaski County School System continuing to make their mark statewide. After an impressive top 7% ranking last year, the county school system moves to the top 2% of districts in the state according to this week's release of Kentucky's assessment scores. This has earned the Pulaski County School System a distinguished district designation, the highest level under Kentucky's Unbridled Learning system.

"To be where we are doesn't come by accident. It takes a lot of focus and a lot of work from everyone at all levels. Being in the top 2% in the state is validation that our resources and efforts have been in the right places," said Superintendent Steve Butcher.

#### **TWO PRIORITY SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED AS HUBS FOR IMPROVEMENT**

(Frankfort, KY) – The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has recognized two Priority Schools for their work in improving student learning and building core processes that can sustain the improvement. Based on data, monitoring visits, and monitoring tools, KDE designated Franklin-Simpson High School and Pulaski County High School as Hub Schools. The schools had been among the lowest-performing schools in the state.

"These schools have shown they have the will and the capacity to turn things around," said Education Commissioner Terry Holliday today during a visit to Pulaski Co. High School. "They are producing exponentially more college/career-ready students than they had previously and serve as a model for other schools that want to improve."

As a Hub School, each school will serve as a regional hub of learning for students and adults. The schools will share their best or promising practices with schools in their area of the state to support improvement.



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