



# 2010 STATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

## **Program Award**

For Influencing the Instructional Leadership and Professional Growth of  
Educators  
Beyond the Scope of its Implementation

### ***Whitman County Principals' Association***

The Whitman County Principals' Association has embarked on a journey toward significantly impacting student learning and professional development. It began with a simple, but powerful question: What would it take – for their mostly small and rural schools with limited opportunities for staff to network – to collaborate on enhancing learning for all? This question prompted the group to collectively develop a regional, professional development day that has ultimately grown into a much grander consortium as the Whitman County Partnership, operating as a countywide professional learning community (PLC).

The development of this on-going and sustainable PLC has been highly inclusive of teachers, administrators and professional development professionals within Whitman County and beyond. The work of this Principals' Association has lead to continued collaboration of Whitman County educators, with the potential for dramatic results benefiting all students in their region.