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**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZES STARR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AS A SCHOOL OF PROMISING PRACTICE**

(Richmond, Indiana) Starr Elementary School has been recognized by the Indiana Department of Education as a school of Promising Practice in the area of data. Starr Elementary School's Promising Practice is one of 200 education or wrap-around service programs to be recognized by the Department in honor of Indiana's bicentennial celebration.

RCS Superintendent Todd Terrill states "I am proud of the Mrs. Polk-Meek and the teachers and staff at Starr Elementary School for their exceptional work this year. The teachers and staff work diligently every day to ensure their students are receiving the instruction and support they need in order to be successful. Mrs. Polk-Meek and her teachers utilize student data to directly impact what takes place daily in the classroom and their students have benefited greatly. I know that this is just the beginning of the great things in store for Starr Elementary School as they continue to implement the 8-Step Process and address their students' needs." Starr Elementary School's Principal Karrienne Polk-Meek states, "Starr Elementary is dedicated to the success of every child. How poignant that this recognition comes during teacher appreciation week, a time to celebrate our teachers and the hard work that they do. Starr is blessed to have an incredible staff, using data, to increase student achievement every day.

Identified programs, like Starr Elementary School, are student-centered and focus on positively impacting students through innovative programming and activities that provide a high-quality learning environment and experience. Starr Elementary School's Data Promising Practice will be shared with educators across the state of Indiana as an example of best practices that are having a positive impact on Hoosier students.

Additional information about the Promising Practices initiative can be found on the Department's website: www.doe.in.gov/outreach/promising-practices.

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