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## MINNESOTA PROFESSORS WRITE IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

The new book *Professional Learning Communities: An Implementation Guide and Toolkit* guides schools in taking the concrete steps to transform their schools into professional learning communities, or PLCs.

At the core of professional learning communities is the creation of collaborative, supportive environments for teachers to continuously improve and learn about the teaching profession. Another key element of PLCs is the strength of the school as an organization and interdependence of teachers.

Jean Haar and Kathleen Foord, both former teachers and current associate professors at Minnesota State University Mankato, are co-authors of the book. Dr. Haar is the Director of the Center for Engaged Leadership. Dr. Foord coordinates graduate programs and professional development in Teaching and Learning.

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