Continuous Improvement from the District Office to the Classroom

Speaker: Jay Marino

The Cedar Rapids Community School District utilizes the National Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence as its guide to continuous improvement. Over the past 2 years, employees and stakeholders have been directly engaged in learning more about the concepts of: identifying customers and their needs; data-driven decision making; quality tools; process improvement and the Plan Do Study Act cycle.

Jay Marino, Associate Superintendent for Accountability and Organizational Effectiveness will share the District’s continuous improvement journey. Specifically, Marino will present how educational leaders set and communicate direction for 17,850 students, 2700 staff and 33 schools and how their core value of “Visionary Leadership” is structuring internal capacity, expertise and support for quality within every school and department.

It is not by chance that the presentation will be held at Pierce Elementary school. Participants will learn about how quality and continuous improvement has directly impacted the school, classrooms and the customers- the students! Last year, Pierce staff participated in training to learn more about implementing the continuous improvement classroom. Participants will enjoy hearing from teachers and administrators from Pierce as they share highlights of their improvement journey. Specifically, educators will provide a brief tour of the school and share how the customer-focused classrooms at Pierce include:

- classroom and student mission statements
- student data folders
- classroom data centers
- SMART goals and student-led conferences
- Pierce has been successful ensuring student ownership, accountability and responsibility for learning.

Learn more about Jay at his website- http://www.jmarino.ws.

Tour & Dinner Location
Pierce Elementary School
4343 Marilyn Dr NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

5:15-5:30 Meet at Pierce Elementary School
5:30-6:15 Dinner
6:15-7:45 Program

Dinner
Buffet: Turkey and Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Coleslaw, Green Bean Casserole, Iced Tea, Milk

Cost
ASQ Member: $16.00
ASQ Member and Spouse: $30.00
Guest: $18.00
Full Time Student: $12.00

RSVP: Contact Jeff Christiaansen by noon on Thursday, October 12.
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Directions
Take I-380 into Cedar Rapids. Take the 42ND ST exit. Turn West onto 42nd St NE. Turn RIGHT onto Marilyn Drive NE.