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## **Local Educator Selected as Emerging Leader**

MANTENO, IL —Lisa Harrod, an assistant superintendent at Steger School District 194, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a leading association of education professionals.

During her career, she has worked as a speech therapist, a resource specialist/staffing coordinator, and director of special education. She is also a national education consultant, a graduate instructor at Western Illinois University, and an instructor and master's program facilitator at Pearson Professional Development and St. Xavier University in Chicago.

“It is my goal to see that the individuals I have been charged with leading feel supported and see that anything is possible,” she said.

Harrod credits family members with playing an important role in her life.

“My parents are both educators and a love of learning was instilled in me at a very young age,” she said. “Much of what I have accomplished in leadership is due to the support of my husband.”

A committee made up of PDK's past Emerging Leaders selected the 20 honorees from a competitive field of applicants.

“The 20 members of the 2008-09 Class of Emerging Leaders embody the PDK tenets of leadership, research, and service,” said William Bushaw, PDK's executive director. “They represent the best of the profession.”

For more information on PDK's 2008-09 Class of Emerging Leaders, including podcast interviews with the honorees, go to [www.pdkemergingleaders.org](http://www.pdkemergingleaders.org). Information about PDK International is at [www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org).