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"Welcome to the United States of America!"

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Dunlap, Ill. —   Dunlap School District 323 teachers, administrators and students played host to visitors from Holland Nov. 10.

After attending the National Quality of Education Conference in Chicago, the Dutch educators drove to what has recently situated itself as a hotbed for quality education, Dunlap.

A few years ago, Superintendent Dr. Jay Marino gave the keynote speech at the conference. Teachers from Holland liked what they heard, wanted to learn more and invited him to their country to teach them about Dunlap's strategic 21st-century learning plan.

Marino has been back several times since and returned the invite for them to come witness first-hand what he has been teaching.

They started their day at Ridgeview, moved to Wilder-Waite and closed the day with the students at Dunlap Middle.

Throughout the day they were able to learn more about how each class works with data data binders, student improvement, holding everyone accountable and continuous improvement directly from the students themselves.

"It's always a good opportunity to showcase good things happening in the classroom," said Wilder-Waite Principal Todd Jefferson. "Bringing educators together to discuss things is always a positive."

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