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**STATE AUDITOR ROB SAND DELIVERS PUBLIC INNOVATIONS AND
EFFICIENCIES (PIE) AWARD TO LOCAL LEADERS**

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Belle Plaine, IA – State Auditor Rob Sand hand-delivered a pie to the leaders of the Belle Plaine Community School District Thursday in recognition of their Public Innovations and Efficiencies (PIE) Award. Belle Plaine CSD is the runner-up for Best Performing CSD in the 1A Division.

Sand created the PIE program in 2019. It serves to encourage governmental entities to implement cost-cutting measures and spark innovative ideas to save public funds. In the last year, PIE participation increased by more than 55%. Eighty-four counties and 310 cities submitted entries in 2021, and for the first time, 121 school districts participated. The PIE program is so successful, that the Mississippi State Auditor, a Republican, launched the program in his state.

Cost-cutting measures range from shutting off the lights to reduce energy costs, to the creation of policies that reduce travel expenses.

Cities and counties were awarded points, based on the number of cost-cutting measures implemented in 2021, and in the most improved category, compared to the previous year.

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