Dr. Davin Harpe has served as principal of Sugar Grove Elementary School (SGES) for the last four years. One SGES parent calls Harpe a “leader who creates a culture of collaboration that enables parents, students, teachers, and community leaders to work together in ways that shape a child’s future.” Harpe has built this culture through careful instructional leadership, supportive professional development, and a deep commitment to PLCs, which he has established to great effect in three schools in three different districts throughout his 12 years as a principal. At SGES, his implementation of PCLs led to performance gains in the first year of his tenure, when the school was awarded an “A” by the Indiana Department of Education after having previously received “B” and “C” letter grades. The same year, the school ranked highest in the county for math and literacy performance, and Harpe’s PLC model has since been implemented by all schools in his district, leading to district-wide performance gains. While Dr. Harpe clearly understands how to balance leadership and management responsibilities, he identifies as a leader and strives to see every aspect of his job as an opportunity to lead by example. Dr. Harpe holds a B.S. from Indiana University, an M.A. in Education from Ball State University, and a Ph.D. from Purdue University, where he was honored with the Norbert Nelson Outstanding Dissertation Award.