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To: All District Staff

From: Dr. Rydell Harrison, Superintendent of Schools 

RE: Paraprofessional of the Year Announcement

Date: May 9, 2018

Watertown Public Schools has chosen Ms. Carey Pavelo as our 2019 Paraeducator of the Year. Currently, she is assigned to work with students in fifth grade at Polk Elementary School. Previously, with a brief pause in between to raise her children, she worked for 3 years at John Trumbull Primary School. Ms. Pavelo has also worked in Trumbull and Newtown Public Schools. Ms. Pavelo's message to the profession and general public is: "Love what you do and give it 110% every day", and she consistently lives this message according to the Polk School community. Ms. Pavelo is energetic, collaborative, resourceful, humble and compassionate. She has been an inspiration and loyal partner for students and colleagues.

We would like to congratulate the other four nominees who participated in the interview process: Johanna Koval, John Trumbull Primary School; Lori Birtwistle, Watertown High School; Roseanne Mancini, Judson Elementary School; and Cheryl Ferraro, Judson Elementary School. Each are talented professionals who exemplify the work ethic and commitment to nurturing our children and supporting our teachers.

The Paraeducator of the Year Program not only allows us to highlight the hard work of individuals within Watertown Public Schools but it sets a standard for which others can strive. We are proud that Carey Pavelo will be locally representing Watertown paraeducators and our school system as well as applying to be the State of Connecticut's Paraeducator of the Year.

Congratulations and thank you Ms. Pavelo for sharing your kindness, patience and strength with the Watertown youth, school staff and families.