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From: Dr. Rydell Harrison, Superintendent of Schools 

Re: 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year Announcement

Date: May 15, 2018

Watertown Public Schools is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Hosking, Grade 3 teacher at Judson School, has been named the 2018-19 District Teacher of the Year. Ms. Hosking is in her ninth year of teaching overall, and in her third year in Watertown. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, in Psychology from the University of Connecticut in 2007 and a Master of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Bridgeport in 2008. Ms. Hosking completed her student teaching and internship at Judson School, where she was named the University of Bridgeport's Intern of the Year. In her application for District Teacher of the Year, Ms. Hosking noted, "I encourage students to think for themselves and to develop problem solving skills while also learning to work collaboratively with peers. The expectation in my classroom is for students to always work to the best of their abilities and to show their best selves." Ms. Hosking is a frequent contributor to school-wide events and activities, she is a member of the Judson School Sunshine Fund Committee, and she serves as one of Judson School's representatives to the Watertown Education Association. Principal Kathy Scully emphasized Ms. Hosking's "positive contributions to the entire Judson School community, her unwavering care for children, and her commitment to effective and engaging instruction in her classroom each and every day."

We would also like to congratulate the other nominees for 2018-19 Watertown Teacher of the Year:

- Leah Bellemare, Watertown High School, Social Studies
- Jessica DeVoe, Judson School, Special Education
- June DiLella, Swift Middle School, Special Education
- Anne Gibbons, John Trumbull Primary School, Library/Media Specialist

The Teacher of the Year Program allows us to honor the efforts of all of our classroom teachers by selecting one representative of our district's excellent teaching staff. We congratulate all of the 2018-19 nominees, as well as Ms. Hosking, for their diligent work on behalf of our learners.

Ms. Hosking will now enter the statewide competition for Connecticut Teacher of the Year, and we wish her the best of luck in that process.