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Grayson Elementary School Teacher Nichole Rinehart Named Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year

April 13, 2017, Waterford, Mich. – Grayson Elementary School Teacher Nichole Rinehart was selected as the Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year. Waterford Teacher of the Year is sponsored by the Waterford Foundation for Public Education and Suburban Ford. As Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year, Rinehart receives free use of a vehicle of her choice from Suburban Ford for two years and will be honored, along with other nominees, at the Excellence in Education reception on May 1.

Rinehart began her teaching career in Waterford at Sandburg Elementary School in 1998 and currently works at Grayson Elementary. She is involved in a multitude of projects including writing curriculum for the District, attending workshops to increase her own knowledge, providing support for the Waterford Garden Club, who honored her with the prestigious Keep Michigan Beautiful Award, and serving as a mentor teacher for Michigan State University interns. Nominators for this award praised Rinehart for her work with project-based learning, differentiated instruction, and her concern for the whole child. She arrives early to work every day before the school bell rings and meets with some of her struggling students. Her lunchtime is filled providing academic and emotional support to students in need.

The Waterford Foundation for Public Education Teacher of the Year Award is a way of affirming the value the Waterford community places on educational excellence and the critical role the classroom teacher plays in providing it.

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