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Waterford Kettering 1980 Graduate and State Superintendent Brian Whiston to be Honored at Waterford Foundation for Public Education Golf Outing

May 16, 2017 Waterford, Mich. – The Waterford Foundation for Public Education will hold its Annual Golf Outing on Tuesday, June 20, 8:00 a.m. shotgun start, at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center in Clarkston. Each year the Waterford Foundation honors an outstanding graduate from the Waterford School District who has achieved success and is active in service to her or his community. This year's honoree is 1980 Waterford Kettering High School Graduate and State Superintendent Brian Whiston.

Whiston attended Wayne State University and received his B.A. in 1991 and M.A. in Political Science in 2001. He served as Chief of Staff for Senator Rudy J. Nichols, Director of Government and Community Services at Oakland Schools, Superintendent of Dearborn Public Schools, and currently serves as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Michigan Department of Education. Whiston also served on the Waterford School District Board of Education from 1991-2008.

Whiston has a passion for public education in general, and Waterford Schools specifically. He has been a long-time supporter of the Waterford Foundation and school district. "Waterford Schools prepared me for success. The passion, support and direction I received from teachers, administrators and support staff made a significant difference in my life," says Whiston.

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Whiston's wife Beth and their four children, Ryan, Scott, Ashley and Kristen, are also graduates of Waterford Schools. Several grandchildren will be attending Waterford Schools in a few years.

Established in 1984, the mission of the Waterford Foundation is to recognize and promote excellence in teaching and learning. The Waterford Foundation was created to generate private funding, in the form of grants, to support innovative curricular programs not funded through the Waterford School District. The Waterford Foundation has awarded over \$1 million to the staff and students of the District to finance research and equipment, special materials, science and math workshops, and a variety of instructional projects and programs.

The Waterford Foundation operates through contributions, grants, memorials, and fundraisers. Other Waterford Foundation recognition programs include Teacher of the Year, Select 50, the Al Dittrich Memorial Scholarship, and the Waterford Durant High School Most Improved Award.

For golf outing ticket information or sponsorship inquiries visit www.wsdmi.org/wfpe. All donations are tax deductible.

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