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Kettering High School Teacher Monica Bandlow Named 2018 Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year

April 17, 2018, Waterford, Mich. – Kettering High School Teacher Monica Bandlow was selected as the 2018 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, Bandlow 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 8.

Bandlow began her career teaching math at Waterford Kettering High School in 2001. She earned her bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and her master's degree from the University of Michigan-Flint. Nominators for this award praised Bandlow for inspiring and motivating her students to excel in the classroom and community. She challenges her students to organize community events such as the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, coat drives for students, canned food drives for families in need, and many more. She has created and taught emergency lessons for ill colleagues, mentored many younger staff members, and ensures the math curriculum is relevant and addressed. Bandlow is focused on teaching her students habits of preparedness, mindfulness, and persistence to use and apply to any task they undertake while at the same time developing positive attitudes and behaviors to help them succeed.

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. For more information about the Waterford Foundation visit www.wsdmi.org/wfpe.

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