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## **Haviland Elementary Teacher Rebecca Matthews Named 2019 Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year**

**April 13, 2019, Waterford, Mich.** – Haviland Elementary Teacher Rebecca Matthews was selected as the 2019 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, Matthews 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.

Matthews began her 21-year teaching career at Grayson Elementary School and later taught at Waterford Village Elementary before Haviland Elementary. Nominators for this award praised Matthews for her leadership skills within the Waterford School District. She has facilitated numerous district professional development sessions, hosted and participated in teacher learning labs, opens her classroom and teaching to support new teachers, contributes to curriculum work/revisions, and represents the District as part of the Galileo Institute for Teacher Leadership. Colleagues comment that she has a positive attitude and has a passion for learning. Matthews provides highly effective instruction by engaging her students' love of learning in everything she does.

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. Sponsors for this event include Barton Malow and French Associates Architects, Presenting Sponsors, M3 Investment Services, Silver Sponsor, and McLaren Oakland, Dr. Jim & Lori Stepanski, and Tom & Gail Wiseman, Bronze Sponsors. For more information about the Waterford Foundation visit [www.wsdmi.org/wfpe](http://www.wsdmi.org/wfpe).

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