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Kettering High School Teacher Meg Grossnickle Named 2025 Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year

April 17, 2025, Waterford, Mich. – Kettering High School Teacher Meg Grossnickle was selected as the 2025 Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year. Waterford Teacher of the Year is sponsored by the Waterford Foundation for Public Education and Lunghamer Chevrolet of Waterford. As Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year, Grossnickle receives free use of a vehicle of her choice from Lunghamer Chevrolet of Waterford and will be honored, along with other nominees, at the Excellence in Education reception on May 12.

Grossnickle has been teaching high school in Waterford since 2010 and currently teaches English language arts at Kettering High School. She stated “All students deserve to be a part of a community where they feel like they belong and where they can feel a sense of pride in what they are accomplishing. At Kettering, I strive to foster a culture where students engage in meaningful experiences while developing essential academic and interpersonal skills. This has been the foundation for learning and, I have found, provides an access point for every single student to get engaged in the curriculum in an impactful way.

Principal Ben Harwood, who nominated Grossnickle, says “Meg practices what she preaches. In observing her lessons, you will see all students engaged in the learning, communicating using common disciplinary appropriate language, interacting in a respectful manner, seeing real-world connections, and striving to do their best. Meg builds strong, respectful relationships with students, encouraging a supportive and inclusive classroom environment, and her students seek out additional courses she teaches.”

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, Platinum Sponsors; Ohana Wealth Advisory, Silver Sponsor; Michigan United Credit Union and Tom & Gail Wiseman, Bronze Sponsors. Additional sponsors include Waterford Education Association and MEEMIC Insurance Agency-Mike Macy. For more information about the Waterford Foundation visit www.wsdmi.org/wfpe.

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