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Knudsen Elementary School Teacher Angela Redick Named 2026 Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year

April 16, 2026, Waterford, Mich. – Knudsen Elementary School Teacher Angela Redick was selected as the 2026 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, Redick 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 11.

Redick stated “For sixteen years, I have dedicated my teaching career to inspiring a love of learning, cultivating emotional resilience, and empowering every child to achieve their highest potential. My practice is rooted in mindfulness, social-emotional learning, and evidence-based literacy instruction that supports the whole child. I consistently strive to model reflective practice, collaboration, and innovation; ensuring that my classroom is both an engaging space for students and a welcomed learning space for educators.”

Principal Nick Gregory, who nominated Redick, says "Angela possesses a gravitational pull that elevates everyone around her. In my twenty-six-year career in education, she is the only professional I have encountered who serves as such a consistent pillar of distinction; she is unequivocally on my "Mount Rushmore" of educators. While she modestly attributes our school's success to collective effort, the truth is undeniable: Angela has been a spark that has ignited progress as a devoted advocate for children in the Knudsen community for more than a decade. Her impact as a game-changer can be understood through three defining hallmarks of her practice: A Profound Love for Children, Learning, and Community; Unmatched Expertise in Human Connection and Instruction; and High Expectations Anchored in Support."

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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