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Good News Report

Dear Dr. Chapman and Unit 5 School Board Members;

I am pleased to share with you the good news from Towanda Elementary School. Susan Steinbach was hired as the fifth grade teacher this year. It was apparent early on she was going to be a wonderful addition to Towanda. From the very beginning she has demonstrated exceptional professionalism and a great knowledge of teaching. Each and every day Susan shares the best of herself with the students and staff of Towanda, from her cheery hello each morning, to the giggle heard by students as she supervises the cafeteria each day as a sixth assignment, to her kind goodbyes to students as they leave for the day.

Susan is a talented and focused individual who is not afraid of a challenge. She has been a leader on virtually every project in the building this year. She often volunteers for extra roles on committees that require a great deal of work outside of school without complaint. She is a member of the PBIS team, the Social Committee, and the School Improvement Team. She is also a Student Council Sponsor.

Ms. Steinbach is one of the most caring, compassionate, creative, and constantly changing teachers I have worked with in my career. She possesses an incredible amount of curricular knowledge and will be an asset on curriculum task forces in the future. Susan uses alternative and innovative techniques to enhance student performance in the classroom. She continually seeks out new materials, resources, and websites to support our district curriculum, in an effort to maximize her students' learning opportunities.

Ms. Steinbach is an honest, hard working, intelligent person who goes above and beyond on a daily basis. Susan has set up her classroom to be a respectful environment where students excel both academically and socially. She works hard to effectively communicate with parents and administration to ensure the success of all her students. This year she has also collaborated with Kim Page, our school social worker, to implement a social skills program to address specific issues in the classroom. This has proved to be beneficial to all students.

I am not writing this good news report because Susan was nominated for a prestigious award, or because she was the recipient of a large grant, but rather because she does what so many great teachers do each day in Unit 5; she truly makes our mission of educating each child to achieve personal excellence come alive. I believe this is the most important kind of Good News to share.

Sincerely,

Sarah Edwards
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