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Waterford School District, 1150 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328

Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Winners Named

March 30, 2006 Waterford, Mich. – 61 Nominees Invited to Program on May 10.

On Wednesday, March 29, Oakland Schools Superintendent Dr. Vickie L. Markavitch made the much-anticipated calls to the superintendents of the districts where this year's three top winners of the Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year award will be named. The three winners will each be presented with \$2,000 from the Oakland Schools Education Foundation and The Detroit Newspapers. This year's winners are:

Elementary School: Melissa McDermid

Kenbrook Elementary School, Farmington Public Schools
Hometown: Berkley

Middle School: Anne Campbell

Bloomfield Hills Middle School, Bloomfield Hills School District
Hometown: Commerce Township

High School: James Emmerling

Waterford Mott High School, Waterford School District
Hometown: Grand Blanc

On Wednesday, May 10, 2006, during National Teacher Appreciation Week, Oakland Schools will host the 19th annual Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards. Sixty-one Oakland County teachers nominated by colleagues, principals, students, parents and others for their outstanding contributions to the classroom will be honored at the event. The nominees were rated by a seven-member selection committee consisting of last year's winning teachers, education and community representatives.

School districts that participated in the 2006 Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards program are: Avondale, Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Brandon, Clarenceville, Clarkston, Farmington, Ferndale, Holly, Huron Valley, Lake Orion, Lamphere, Madison, Oxford, Pontiac, Rochester, Royal Oak, South Lyon, Southfield, Troy, Walled Lake, Waterford, and West Bloomfield.

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For more information on the Oakland County Outstanding Teacher Awards, please visit the Oakland Schools website at www.oakland.k12.mi.us or contact Danelle Gittus, Communications & Marketing, Oakland Schools at 248.209.2181 or email Danelle.Gittus@oakland.k12.mi.us.

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