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Waterford School District Awarded 2008 Educational Excellence Award by Michigan Association of Schools Boards

June 10, 2008, Waterford, Mich. – The Waterford School District has earned the 2008 Educational Excellence Award for its Personal Adjustment Program which improves student achievement for at-risk students. The Educational Excellence program is conducted by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) and sponsored by SET SEG School Insurance Specialists.

The Personal Adjustment program at Kettering High School helps meet the academic, emotional, behavioral and mental health needs of special education students. Students are selected to participate in the program based on their education plan goals, number of disciplinary incidents and level of social or emotional need. The program consists of five personal adjustment classes that address emotional management, communication skills and problem-solving strategies. The classes help students deal with everyday stress in a nurturing environment so they can focus on what's most important—their academic accomplishments.

MASB and SET SEG presented the awards during an awards ceremony on May 6. As an award winner, the Waterford School District received a trophy and the program coordinators received certificates. The Waterford School District also earned a chance to compete against other programs in its category for the title of "Michigan's Best." Recipients of the Michigan's Best Award will be announced in the fall and honored at the MASB Fall Conference in Traverse City.

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MASB developed the Education Excellence Award program 14 years ago to recognize exemplary and innovative educational programs that foster school improvement and student achievement. An independent panel of judges evaluates entries submitted from local districts and intermediate school districts. Applicants compete in categories ranging from fine arts and community relations to school improvement and professional development. This year, 27 programs received awards.

MASB unites school boards in the common cause of improving public education. It provides leadership development, government relations, legal counsel, public relations, communications and a variety of field services to member districts. SET SEG is a nonprofit provider of complete insurance services to Michigan school districts. Founded by MASB in 1971, SET SEG provides employee benefits, property/casualty and workers' compensation insurance to more than 550 districts in the state.

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