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Adams Teacher Jon Phillips Chosen as Michigan Finalist for 2008 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

November 7, 2009, Waterford, Mich. – Adams Elementary Teacher Jon Phillips was chosen as a state-level finalist for the 2008 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The Michigan Department of Education received nominations for 51 science and 37 mathematics teachers and Phillips was selected for mathematics.

A national selection panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, educators, administrators, and past awardees reviews the applications of the state-level finalists and makes recommendations to the National Science Foundation, which in turn forwards them to the White House. The President of the United States will announce the 2008 awardees in spring 2009.

The PAEMST program, established in 1983 by the White House, is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. In even-numbered years, nominees are eligible if they are highly qualified teachers; work full-time in public or private schools; and have at least five years of grade K-6 mathematics or science teaching experience prior to the application. Secondary school mathematics and science teachers are chosen in odd-numbered years.

Recognition for Presidential Awardees includes a special citation signed by the President; a \$10,000 honorarium from the National Science Foundation and gifts from a broad range of donors; and a paid trip for two to Washington, D.C. to attend special recognition events and meet with leaders in government and education, and attend professional development programs.

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