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

## **Houghton Elementary School Teacher John Kochevar Awarded Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year**

**January 16, 2008, Waterford, Mich.** – Houghton Elementary School Teacher John Kochevar was named Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. The Teacher of the Year program is a part of Wal-Mart's long-term commitment to support education throughout the United States. Kochevar was nominated by the White Lake Police Department for his work with the D.A.R.E. Program.

Kochevar began teaching at Houghton Elementary School in 1990. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Wayne State University and his Masters Degree from Michigan State University.

The local teacher of the year is awarded through the Wal-mart Foundation and each local Wal-mart to an outstanding teacher in the area. Winners are selected in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Kochevar received a \$1,000 educational grant for Houghton Elementary School.

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