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Special Education Administrator Nadine Milostan Named Oakland County Special Education Administrator of the Year

July 6 2010, Waterford, Mich. – Nadine M. Milostan, Executive Director of the Waterford School District Student Support Services Department, was awarded the 2010 Gregory Gwisdalla Special Education Administrator of the Year Award for Oakland County by Special Education Administrators of Oakland County (SEAOC).

Gwisdalla was a tireless advocate for improved services and life outcomes for all children. He was a distinguished leader in administration of special education on local, county, regional, and state levels. This prestigious award is presented on an annual basis to a special education administrator who has made significant contributions on behalf of special education students in Oakland County. The individual selected must demonstrate integrity in his/her daily work and relationships, be diverse with their involvement in both the community and educational areas and must have demonstrated leadership both in and beyond the scope of his/her position.

Milostan joined the Waterford School District in 2002 as a special education supervisor within the Children's Services Department. She became the director of special education in 2004 and has held the position of Executive Director of Student Support Services since August of 2008. In addition to her comprehensive responsibilities in serving students with special needs, Milostan is the Executive Project

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Director for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant which was awarded to the District in 2008. Through this grant, the District was awarded \$5.7 million to implement numerous support and prevention programs.

Milostan also acts as the McKinney-Vento liaison for students and families within the District who are considered to be homeless. During the 2008-2009 school year, under Milostan's leadership, the District was also awarded a \$10,000 mini-grant to support families that were eligible to receive support through the McKinney-Vento act. Milostan is active at the state level through her involvement in number of special education initiatives.

Milostan is a member of the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE), Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE), and SEAOC. Nominees were selected by the SEAOC Executive Board and the award was presented to Milostan on June 21, 2010.

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