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Waterford School District Celebrates National Mentoring Month *District Offers Youth Mentoring Programs*

January 9, 2012, Waterford, Mich. – This year marks the 11th anniversary of National Mentoring Month. The 2012 message is: ***Invest in the Future. Mentor a Child.*** National Mentoring Month allows mentoring programs to celebrate existing program volunteers while spreading the message that more adult volunteers are needed to become mentors. National data indicates that 3 million children have a mentor and 15 million more are in need. Mentors have a powerful impact in a student's life. Research has proven that mentors are able to prevent youth involvement in substance abuse and violence, as well as boosting academic achievement and workforce readiness.

The Waterford School District offers two types of mentoring programs and is recruiting adults aged 21 and older to participate as mentors. Both programs ask for mentors to meet with students on a weekly basis for a year. In the site based mentoring program all activities take place at Kingsley Montgomery School. In the community based program students and mentors meet outside of the school day in the community.

Become a mentor in Waterford by visiting the website at:

www.waterford.k12.mi.us/safeschools/mentor or calling 248.421.6497.

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