



# Board of Education

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To: All District Staff  
From: Dr. B. Heston Carnemolla, Superintendent of Schools  
RE: Paraprofessional of the Year Announcement  
Date: June 1, 2017

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Ms. Judy Johnston is the Watertown Public Schools Paraeducator of the Year. Ms. Johnston currently serves as a paraeducator at John Trumbull Primary School. Currently, she works with students in kindergarten. Ms. Johnston truly believes that all students can learn. She encourages the kindergarteners she works with to demonstrate that they are Ready, Responsible, and Respectful and to be persistent in their work. Ms. Johnston is consistently kind, caring, and dedicated to her students. In her work in the kindergarten classroom, she continually takes initiative, demonstrates flexibility, and has developed positive relationships with all of the teachers, parents, and students.

I would like to congratulate the other four nominees in this year's pool: Wendy Goodman, Polk Elementary School; Colleen Mailhot, Swift Middle School; Kristi Ortiz, Polk Elementary School; Yvonne Walsh, Watertown High School. As always, with as many excellent paraeducators as we have, it is difficult to choose just one to represent the district from all who were nominated, and, those who may not have been nominated, but, work hard in the shadows.

The Paraeducator of the Year Program allows us to acknowledge the value and importance of paraeducator support across our five schools. We thank Ms. Johnston for her efforts and assistance in support of our students and teachers in kindergarten, and we congratulate her for receiving this year's honor. She will now participate in the state Paraeducator of the Year completion, and we wish Ms. Johnston the very best of luck as she enters the state level program.