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## **Mequon-Thiensville School District Names Outstanding Educators for 2015-16** *Prestigious Award Granted to Three Exemplary Teachers*

MEQUON, WI. — The Mequon-Thiensville School District is proud to announce that three teachers have received the District's 2015 - 2016 Outstanding Educator of the Year Award. They include Kirsten Ertl, Rose Riege, and Jennifer Zortman.

An Outstanding Educator in MTSD has a widely recognized reputation for excellence and goodness. The award recipients were nominated by their colleagues for their continued professionalism and educational excellence. Once nominated, staff members are asked to complete a robust application process. A selection committee reviews the applications and votes on award distribution at the district level. Additionally, the committee offers consideration to forwarding the nominations for competition at the state level.

Kirsten Ertl currently teaches orchestra in grades 4-8. Her colleagues say "Ms. Ertl's passion as an educator provides young musicians with an experience to grow individually, and as a member of an accomplished orchestra program. She possesses the ability to master a great rapport with all ages by both mentoring and leading by example."

Rose Riege is an eighth grade teacher at Lake Shore Middle School. Rose's colleagues describe her as having "a passion for teaching and interacting with students that is evident to anyone who walks by her classroom."

Jennifer Zortman, Homestead High School Mathematics and AVID teacher, was nominated by her colleagues "as an exceptional educator who is committed to her best." Ms. Zortman is described as having teaching styles in both math and AVID that fosters high-level learning for all students.

"The passion that these teachers have for the success of all students in the Mequon-Thiensville School District is admirable," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Demond A. Means. "I want to thank them for their continued work to make our students the best that they can be."

Ms. Ertl, Ms. Riege and Ms. Zortman will be recognized at and presented with their award at the Staff Recognition Celebration in May 2016.

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