

COMMENDATION FORM FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Person(s) to be Commended:

Dr. Linn Thatcher, Teacher at Lake Ridge High School

Justification for the Commendation:

The Yale University Office of Undergraduate Admissions is pleased to announce that a member of the community at Mansfield Lake Ridge High School, **Dr. Linn Thatcher**, has been selected as a recipient of the 2026 Yale Educator Award.

This award, sponsored by the Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions, recognizes educators from around the world who inspire and support their students to perform at high levels and to achieve excellence.

Students entering the Yale Class of 2030 were asked to nominate outstanding educators who have deeply impacted their lives. Dr. Thatcher was nominated for the award by **Jude Pham**, then selected as a winner by a committee in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Requested Month of Board Meeting for Commendation: October

Principal, Director, or Supervisor's Approval: Dr. Katrina Mabry-Smith

Date: 10/19/26

Chief Communications Officer Approval: Robyn Harris

Date: 10/19/26