



Board of Education
Regular Meeting – August 10, 2026

AGENDA SECTION: Recognitions

ITEM: Wayzata Inclusive Education Awards

COMMENTS BY: Ginny Nyhus, Director of Student Support Services

Good Evening Esteemed board members, Superintendent, leaders, educators and community members. It is my pleasure to stand before you this evening to celebrate the amazing educators of Wayzata who create an inclusive experience for all of our learners. 38 of our staff members were nominated for their amazing work in creating inclusive classrooms and communities. Each of the nominations are inspiring and inclusive educators who have been nominated by parents and colleagues for creating, fostering, and being model inclusive educators. Today we are celebrating a stand out educator, Adam Fleishacker a Special Education Teacher from North Woods Elementary School. Adam was nominated for this award by: Mark & Molly Isaacson who shared the following.

"Our son is currently in the 4th grade, and lives with significant disabilities that could easily relegate him to the sidelines. In many environments, it is considered "safer" or "easier" to let a student like our son to remain an observer. Adam refuses to accept the sidelines. Whether it is navigating a bouncy house, climbing, or steering a scooter board, Adam provides the physical strength and stability he needs to participate. We have watched Adam personally transfer our son and hold him securely so he can feel the sensation of bouncing and playing alongside his peers. This level of exceptional execution and intentional planning ensures that he doesn't just watch the fun, he is part of it.

While we are deeply moved by the genuine care Adam shows our son, his impact is far-reaching. We see him pour this same dedication into every student at Northwoods. His approach is defined by:

- Consistent Communication: Keeping families informed and celebrating every new milestone, no matter how small.
- Creative Adaptation: Using innovative methods to ensure activities are accessible to all.
- Humility and Character: Looking past outward appearances to see a child's true potential and helping them rise above adversity.

True character is revealed in the heart, and Adam's heart is firmly with his students. Because of the community he fosters, Henry experiences a sense of belonging that goes beyond words. Adam doesn't just teach; he consistently demonstrates deep compassion and humility, serving our children with a dedication that transforms the educational experience into one of true belonging."

Congratulations to Adam for receiving the Inclusive Education Award! This recognition is a testament to your unwavering commitment and outstanding efforts in promoting inclusivity in education. By championing

diversity and ensuring equal opportunities for all learners, you have made a significant and positive impact on countless lives. Your dedication to creating an inclusive learning environment is truly commendable. Keep up the excellent work and continue to inspire others with your remarkable achievements.

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