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Dear Superintendent Stephens,

I would like to nominate and recognize Shellie Shupe for the “I Love Teaching” Award. The title of this award exemplifies Shellie’s personality, professional commitment, and far-reaching impact. She is truly an asset to our school and a gem in our community.

Shellie Cooney is a 3rd Grade teacher at Uintah Elementary and is currently dedicated to the English-portion of the Chinese-Immersion program. She is truly devoted to the success of this program and makes every effort possible to meet the individual needs of her students. Due to the nature of the Immersion enrollment she often has exceptionally large class sizes of 28-30 students--multiplied by two. However, she is always open to meet the needs of the individual student with a caring smile and a growth-mindset solution. There is always room in her heart (and classroom) for one more.

Shellie is academically committed and provides a core-rich experience that is based upon best-practice. She is dedicated to providing excellent whole group instruction and effective small-group interventions. Her classroom management practices are second-to-none; because she leads her class with love and joy.

Shellie is an *EF Hutton* in our school. She has exceptional credibility that her peers respect. She has a positive “can-do” attitude that sees a solution in every challenge. Shellie actively seeks the suggestions of others and offers her own advice with humility and sensitivity. She is a curriculum leader who serves as a District Fellow, member of the Uintah Academic Leadership Team, Community Council member and PLC leader.

Mrs. Shupe never has a bad day. She is always at her best and her best is remarkable. Her positive attitude helps to unite and inspire Uintah Elementary. She always has the energy and optimism to spend on one more student, one more parent, one more colleague, one more problem. Mrs. Shupe makes all of us better because she truly “Loves Teaching”.

Sincerely,

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