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*Service Center*

1819 E. Milham Ave.  
Portage, MI  
49002

*Early Childhood Education*

Kalamazoo RESA West Campus  
4606 Croyden Ave.  
Kalamazoo, MI  
49006

*Head Start*

422 E. South St.  
Kalamazoo, MI  
49007

*Juvenile Home School*

1424 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI  
49048

*Valley Center School*

3122 Lake St.  
Kalamazoo, MI  
49048

*WoodsEdge Learning Center*

1501 E. Milham Ave.  
Portage, MI  
49002

*Young Adult Program*

Kalamazoo RESA West Campus  
4606 Croyden Ave.  
Kalamazoo, MI  
49006

*Youth Opportunities Unlimited*

422 E. South St.  
Kalamazoo, MI  
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Kalamazoo, MI  
49001

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Three Rivers, MI  
49093

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49036

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Zach Wierenga, Teacher  
Vicksburg Community Schools  
Vicksburg Middle School

Dear Zach,

**CONGRATULATIONS!** You have been selected as a recipient of the 2015-2016 *Excellence in Special Education Award* for your school district.

Kalamazoo RESA's Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) commends you for your outstanding work with students with special needs. Nominations for the *Excellence in Special Education Award* were made by parents responding to a staff-member's creativity, communication skills, advocacy, and willingness to go the "Extra Mile" while working with their children.

As parents, we are encouraged to find staff willing to understand the special needs of our children and their importance. You are making a difference in the lives of all children.

We appreciate your efforts and THANK YOU for being an exceptional staff member and a great role model. Your administrator and school board will be notified and may choose to recognize your award at an upcoming meeting.

Congratulations, again, on being chosen to receive this award.

Sincerely,

*The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee  
(PAC)*

C: Charles Glaes, Superintendent  
Laura Kuhlman, Principal  
Jeanine Mattson-Gearhart

**Special Education Department**

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