

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Lori Welch for the I Love Teaching Award. I've known Lori for over 10 years as the Home and Hospital teacher for Weber School District. During those ten years I have witnessed Lori bending over backwards to teach and assist students of Weber School District that were facing overwhelming adverse situations, terminal diseases, and unknown futures. These students persevered with Lori by their side in situations that I think most of us would have given up.

I've contemplated on what are the qualities that make a great teacher and found a great description from Southern New Hampshire University, they said, "Some qualities of a good teacher include skills in communication, listening, collaboration, adaptability, empathy and patience. Other characteristics of effective teaching include an engaging classroom presence, value in real-world learning, exchange of best practices and a lifelong love of learning." Lori exhibits all of these qualities and more! Lori is the will and she will find a way! She exhibits the best qualities that a teacher should have. In fact she exhibits the best qualities that every human should have. When I was the assistant principal at Two Rivers, Lori was touched by the need of some of our students that were struggling with learning and began teaching math at night in our PM program to help those that she knew needed all the extra support they could get. She did this on top of teaching during the day. When I became the principal of adult education, she started volunteering to help some of our adult students at night to help them get the math skills that they needed. I can think of several students that would have never graduated from adult education last school year if I hadn't been for Lori. She even delivered homework to our students at night that were quarantined with Covid-19.

Lori is a curriculum master and identified a need to align and update our math to match the Secondary Math I and Math II standards. In all her spare time she created those courses and more for our students in adult education. Lori is still teaching full time during the day as a Home and Hospital teacher and during the night she teaches at Two Rivers High School and Weber Adult Education. We are fortunate to have her as part of our staff. Everyone wants Lori as their teacher, she is well loved by all our students!

I know that during the pandemic all teachers gave all and leaned in to help students, but I think I can truly say I don't know how Lori is still standing. She leaned in and gave all!

I feel blessed every day to know and work with Lori Welch!