



Minidoka County School District #331

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RE: Master Educator Premium Recipient Recognition

Minidoka County School Board Members:

We recently received notification from the Idaho State Board of Education that four of our teachers qualified for the Master Educator Premium, a \$4,000 per year award for the next three years.

Our recipients are

- Brandi Milliron – currently teaching Science at West Minico
- Carol Loveless – currently teaching high-needs SpEd at Acequia Elementary
- Jana Thomsen – currently teaching 2nd grade at Rupert Elementary
- Shelley Coats – currently teaching Language Arts at East Minico
- Tara McCall – currently teaching 2nd grade at Heyburn Elementary

It took a lot of work to qualify for this award. As outlined in statute candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Eight years or more experience with at least the last three in Idaho.
- Demonstrate mastery of instructional techniques for at least 3 of the last 5 years through:
 - Artifacts demonstrating effective teaching; and
 - Successful completion of an annual Individualized Professional Learning Plan (IPLP).
- The majority of their students must meet measurable student achievement for 3 of the last 5 years.

In most cases it took over 100 hours of these teacher's time to compile the information required to submit their application.

I would like to congratulate these teachers on behalf of the students that they have worked with, their peers and their administrators. I believe as a District we do a great job in educating our students and these five teachers have shown that they truly are Master Educators.

I am also recommending that the Board, in recognition of these educator's service to our District and the recognition of the State, approve a one-time \$300 increase in the amount they receive. This would make their award \$4,300 this year and \$4,000 each of the subsequent years of the award.

Sincerely

Dr. Kenneth Cox, Superintendent