

# LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Livonia, Michigan

November 15, 2010

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, The Trustees of the Livonia Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this School District; and

**WHEREAS**, Matthew Bentley, physical education teacher at Riley Upper Elementary School and an eleven year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished himself by being named Livonia's Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2010-2011 by a District-wide committee composed of teachers, parents, and administrators; and

**WHEREAS**, In achieving that recognition it is clearly evident by all accounts that he is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of his duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition, Matthew has served his building by implementing many innovative programs including: Fall Family Fitness Night; afterschool intramural programs; Dudes Night and Girls Night Out for students and parents in the Riley community; Winter Field Day; and Swim Night. He has also created the Nature Connections Program connecting students to a positive outdoor experience, and

**WHEREAS**, Matthew has also been honored by participating on the District's Physical Education Program Committee, which secured a three-year grant to maintain the District's highest level physical education status. He has also served frequently as a state presenter at the Michigan Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Conferences;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Trustees of the Livonia Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Matthew Bentley for being named Livonia's Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2010-2011 and for all the hours of unswerving dedication and loyal service he has rendered to the Livonia Public Schools School District, his students, and the greater community.

Robert Freeman, Secretary  
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**WHEREAS**, The Trustees of the Livonia Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this School District; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Helen Diegel, history teacher at Franklin High School and a thirteen year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished herself by being named Livonia's Secondary Teacher of the Year for 2010-2011 by a District-wide committee composed of teachers, parents, and administrators; and

**WHEREAS**, In achieving that recognition it is clearly evident by all accounts that she is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of her duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition, Mary Helen has served as her building's Teacher Mentor; World History Learning Community Chair; Junior State of America Advisor; Volleyball, Basketball and Softball Coach; and has assisted with *Players Theatre* Productions. She has also served on numerous District curriculum committees, including Formative Assessment, Accelerated English and World History; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Helen has also been honored as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Southeast Michigan Teacher of the Year, received the LEA Spotlight Award, and has been named Volleyball Coach of the Year. She also served as a teacher in the Livonia Public Schools South African Exchange Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Trustees of the Livonia Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Mary Helen Diegel for being named Livonia's Secondary Teacher of the Year for 2010-2011 and for all the hours of unswerving dedication and loyal service she has rendered to the Livonia Public Schools School District, her students, and the greater community.

Robert Freeman, Secretary  
Livonia Board of Education