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Fitzgerald Public School Teachers Honored at Dinner, High School Teacher named Macomb County Teacher of the Year

Jennifer Crotty honored as the Outstanding High School Teacher of the year by the Macomb Intermediate School District at a dinner April 21

WARREN, Mich. — Three **Fitzgerald Public Schools** teachers were honored at a dinner hosted by the **Macomb Intermediate School District** (MISD) Thursday night, including one who was named the top high school teacher in the county.

Kathleen Wallon, John Adamus and **Jennifer Crotty** were recognized for their outstanding dedication to the teaching profession at the 2016 Outstanding Teacher-of-the-Year dinner. Crotty had the additional distinction of being selected as the Macomb County Outstanding Teacher of the Year at the high school level.

Teachers were nominated by their colleagues, administrators, support staff, parents and/or students in accordance with guidelines provided by the MISD. An impartial committee reviewed the letters of support.

While each district can nominate only one teacher per school level to advance to the MISD Teacher of the Year competition, Fitzgerald Public Schools recognized outstanding teachers from each of its schools. The teachers who were awarded this distinction are:

- **Linda Larson** – Early Childhood Center
- **Kathleen Wallon** – Mound Park Elementary
- **Rosa Benson** – Westview Elementary
- **John Adamus** – Chatterton Middle School
- **Jennifer Crotty** – Fitzgerald High School

The Fitzgerald Public Schools' Annual Outstanding Teacher-of-the-Year awards are given to teachers who have achieved the highest standards of excellence in their profession.

“The five teachers that we have recognized represent excellence in education, and they are shining examples of the high caliber of teachers we have in Fitzgerald Public Schools,” said Superintendent **Barbara VanSweden**. “They represent the heart of public education, which is essential to the health and vitality of our district, community and state.”

All winners were recognized at the FPS Board of Education meeting on March 24.

“Jennifer Crotty is an outstanding social studies teacher who can be found discussing current events with students before school and at lunch and volunteering her time after school with the Student Advisory Committee and community swim program. She is often one of the last teachers to leave in

the evening,” VanSweden said. “Ms. Crotty’s passion for education fosters a safe place for discussion and respect for opinions that might other wise go unheard.”



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