

## FRANKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL



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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my honor to present Michele Poovey as a candidate for the STEM Teaching Award. Michele's background and experiences have prepared her to be an exceptional educator and outstanding person.

Upon first meeting Michele as an eager parent volunteer, I knew she was special. It was her mission to build positive relationships with students and to advocate for education. As a parent sponsor, she led two student teams to the national level of Destination Imagination last year. As a sixth grade science teacher this year, she has lived up to the expectations set out by her beliefs, teaching even the most difficult aspects of science in such an engaging manner that students are enraptured by her enthusiasm and drawn into learning.

Michele consistently models determination as she challenges herself daily. Her flexibility in moving from working with fairly independent students in a regular class setting to very dependent learners within the same class amazes me. Through her commitment in forming deep relationships with these students and in creating high expectations for them, she has become a beloved teacher to our parent community. Michele's perseverance, dedication, and zeal for education stands out to her colleagues, and her contributions extend through her sixth grade team and science department. She has energized her colleagues with her refreshing optimism and innovative instructional strategies. She looks for ways in which she can help to make the jobs of her co-workers a little easier, and her reliable and caring nature has been an invaluable resource to our school.

While Michele is highly motivated and successful, it does not consume her or cause her to compromise her cherished values. She is confident and grounded in her beliefs and that strength is exemplified in her work. As evident from her tireless and consistent work with her students, she willingly offers her time and energy to assist others in need. This springs from an upright heart and only complements the intelligence and confidence she carries herself with.

Michele's contributions and versatility have contributed to the success of many students. Students who are unsuccessful in other areas find success in Michele's classroom under her watchful and compassionate care. Her openness and genuine kindness towards her students draw them into learning. Michele goes the extra mile for other individuals.

When I have the opportunity to sit in Michele's class, I believe I would have loved science because of her teaching ability! Sitting in her classroom, I feel so proud for our profession that she is in it! Michele is truly a gifted educator and rare gem.

Frankford Middle School takes great pride in presenting Michele Poovey for this teaching award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renee Godi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial "R".

Renee Godi  
Principal