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NPBS MATH TEACHER – JOHN HAYES – RECEIVES STATE RECOGNITION

EAGLE RIVER, WI – Northland Pines School District is honored that John Hayes, NP High School Math Teacher, has been named as a Wisconsin State Finalist for the 2013 Presidential Awards for Excellence for Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction selection committee. John was one of four finalist named by the state. Other mathematics finalists include Corey Andereasen of North High School in Sheboygan, Mary Walz of Sauk Prairie High School in Prairie du Sac, and Scott Hertting, a science finalist from Neehah High School in Appleton.

State Superintendent Tony Evers commended John for representing “the best of a cadre of outstanding mathematics teachers in Wisconsin.” He also congratulated all the finalists for earning this prestigious award that recognizes their dedication to teaching and student learning. Evers stated that during the 2012-13 school year there will be a state ceremony held to honor these teachers’ exemplary work.

This state recognition will advance John, and the other finalists, to the national level where the National Science Foundation (NSF) convenes a selection committee to recommend up to two finalists in mathematics or science from each state. The Director of NSF will then submit the recommendations to the White House Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy for final selection. National awardees will be notified by the White House and will receive an all-expense paid trip for two to Washington D.C., to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities, a \$10,000 award from NSF, and an award certificate signed by the President of the United States.

Northland Pines District Administrator Dr. Mike Richie stated, “John is one of those extraordinary teachers who has touched the lives of many students. His delivery of instruction and rapport with students is clearly remarkable. John has a way to challenge all students and bring out the very best in them.” NPBS Principal Jim Brewer also congratulated John for this extreme honor and added, “It comes as no surprise to me to see John being recognized for his outstanding work in helping not only students but other instructors in his craft. He is a credit to this profession and I couldn’t be prouder to have him on our staff.” Dr. Richie reiterated “John Hayes is well deserving of this honor and is a huge asset to the Northland Pines School District.”

Nominees had to complete an extensive written and video application that demonstrates their mastery of mathematics or science content; use of appropriate instructional methods and strategies; effective use of student assessments to evaluate, monitor, and improve student learning; reflective practice and lifelong learning to improve teaching and student learning; and leadership in education outside of the classroom. Nominations for the award can be made by principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the general public.

Established by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year. Awards alternate between elementary (kindergarten - 6th grade) and secondary (7th - 12th grade) teachers each year. Since the program's inception, nearly 4,200 teachers have been recognized for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education. For more information on the award visit their website at www.paemst.org.

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