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### **Stanfield 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Selected as Oregon Small Schools Association Teacher of the Year**

STANFIELD, OR—David Nycz, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Stanfield Elementary, was honored as the Oregon Small Schools Association's (OSSA) Teacher of the Year during the Oregon School Boards Association Conference in Portland on November. 14.

Mr. Nycz has taught at Stanfield Elementary for three years, and has been very involved in the school. He has been part of the Behavior Task Force at Stanfield Elementary. As a result of his involvement, behavior referrals have decreased over 50% in the last three years. He has helped implement and facilitate the student achievement assemblies.

"Mr. Nycz has the ability to teach content in a way that students get it," said Kevin Headings, Stanfield Elementary principal. "If a student struggles, he finds another way to teach. He takes it as his responsibility if his students are not learning. All his students learn and eventually get it."

Mr. Nycz has a tremendous passion for students and their learning. He uses student data to measure learning and improve his instruction. His leadership has had great influence on others. The scores for both 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms have increased dramatically. They have improved by 31% over the last three years. Their scores are currently above the state average in reading and math.

"Mr. Nycz cares deeply about the whole student and holds his students to high standards academically, socially and behaviorally," said Mr. Headings. "He has a natural way of connecting with his students. Students know and understand what is expected of them while also understanding that they are respected and cared for by Mr. Nycz."

This is not the first time that Mr. Nycz's hard work has been noticed. He was a Crystal Apple Award recipient in 2008.

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