



# McGRAW CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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“To pursue the maximum fulfillment of each student’s potential”

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To Whom It May Concern:

*I am honored to nominate Mrs. Michelle Bassett for the Cortland Rotary Teacher of the Year Award. Michelle is an energetic and outstanding member of the McGraw Elementary School faculty. She is willing to go beyond the call of duty; and is a member of various committees, a mentor, and volunteers her time to help educate about Rett Syndrome, something that is very near and dear to her heart.*

*Michelle is a vital part of our staff and plays a large role in the education of our students as one of our 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers. She is a strong advocate for our students and always stands up for what she believes are the best strategies for her students. She is always trying to make learning fun for her students, but also meet the standards in an interesting way.*

*Michelle volunteered to host a staff educational event this fall to help raise awareness of Rett Syndrome, which affects her eldest daughter. Rett syndrome is a rare non-inherited genetic postnatal neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in girls and leads to severe impairments, affecting nearly every aspect of the child's life: their ability to speak, walk, eat, and even breathe easily. Michelle is an extremely strong advocate for her daughter and hopes to help raise as much awareness as possible.*

*I believe that Michelle deserves this award because of her consistent dedication to our students here at McGraw Elementary School. She is a positive and uplifting asset to our school and community!*

Sincerely,

Susan Prince

McGraw Elementary Principal