

To: Members of the Woodman Park School Community
From: Bridey Bellemare, Executive Director, New Hampshire Association of School Principals
Re: A Special Award for your Assistant Principal and your Community
Date: December 9, 2021



It is my distinct pleasure to announce that your Assistant Principal, Mr. Greg Brown, has been selected, by our organization, as New Hampshire's Assistant Principal of the Year for 2022-23.

Members of the selection committee had the pleasure of visiting Mr. Brown at Woodman Park Elementary School where they met with families, educators, systems-level staff, and students to ask why Mr. Brown should be selected as New Hampshire's Assistant Principal of the Year.

Educators, administration and systems-level staff who spoke on Mr. Brown's behalf during the interview process commented that "Mr. Brown is a huge asset to our staff...he is one hundred percent involved in supporting all aspects of our school. When he conducts his daily classroom visits, the students' eyes light up. They want to tell him all about the work they are doing, or what they did over the weekend. He is a huge reason why students feel safe at school. Greg works tirelessly to advocate for students' needs...he makes students feel known and special." Additionally, the staff shared that "There isn't a minute of the day where Greg isn't thinking about the school. Regardless of who walks through the doors of the school (student, staff member, or parent) Greg treats you like family. It's also nice to know that he is supportive of what we do in our classrooms...we know that we can take risks and he will support us."

Parents also had the opportunity to participate in the interview panel. Parents commented that "The personal care you get from Mr. Brown is amazing. During Covid-19, he visited homes to check on students and families, delivered devices, food, and even diapers. He is always present...a really good people reader. He has developed strong relationships with people in the community and is highly responsive to people's needs. It was also noted that "when you talk with Mr. Brown, he makes you feel like you are the most important person to him. He is such a presence in our school. If we ever lost him, it would be a very dark day for our school community."

Students shared that "Mr. Brown is a very deserving guy. He is always in a good mood, smiling, funny and telling jokes...he brings smiles to everyone in the school." One student shared, "when I was younger, I didn't want to come to school, but he helped me by holding my hand. He is funny...he even kind of wears the same outfit every day."

As this year's NH Assistant Principal of the Year, Mr. Brown will be invited to attend the National Association of School Principal's Conference to be held July 2022 where he will have the opportunity to engage with school leaders from across the country, gain unique recognition before a national audience, and benefit from complete access to premier

professional learning offerings. Mr. Brown will also receive recognition at this year's NH EDies Awards ceremony and at NHASP's Annual Leadership Academy, scheduled in June 2022.

Congratulations Greg! We are so very pleased for you and your school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bridey Bellemare". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bridey" being more prominent than the last name "Bellemare".

Bridey Bellemare,
Executive Director