Outstanding educators/community members will be recognized at the Van Buren County School Board Educational Hero Award Dinner held on June 5, 2018 at the Van Buren Conference Center.

Bangor Public Schools
Bloomingdale Public Schools
Covert Public Schools
Decatur Public Schools
Gobles Public Schools
Hartford Public Schools
Lawrence Public Schools
Lawton Community Schools
Mattawan Consolidated School
Paw Paw Public Schools
South Haven Public Schools
Wood School
Van Buren ISD

Please return your nomination form to one of the addresses below:

Van Buren ISD
c/o Dawn Blum
490 S. Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, MI 49064

Bangor Public Schools
c/o Melissa Quinn
801 W. Arlington, Bangor, MI 49013

Bloomingdale Public Schools
c/o Anita Manley
P.O. Box 217, Bloomingdale, MI 49026

Covert Public Schools
c/o Anthonette Cox
86323 M-140 Highway, Covert, MI 49043

Decatur Public Schools
c/o Theresa Osbeck
110 Cedar Street, Decatur, MI 49045

Gobles Public Schools
c/o Jennifer Chandler
P.O. Box 412, Gobles, MI 49055

Hartford Public Schools
c/o Deborah Galvan
115 School Street, Hartford, MI 49057

Lawrence Public Schools
c/o Amber Trowbridge
650 West St. Joseph, Lawrence, MI 49064

Lawton Community Schools
c/o Denise Cody
101 Primary Way, Lawton, MI 49065

Mattawan Consolidated School
c/o Ashley LaVanWay
56720 Murray Street, Mattawan, MI 49071

Paw Paw Public Schools
c/o Barb Atkinson
119 Johnson Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079

South Haven Public Schools
c/o Cathy Pyke
554 Green Street, South Haven, MI 49090

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Coordinated by:
Van Buren Intermediate School District
Van Buren County Association of School Boards
2018 “Educational Hero Award” Nomination Form

Nominee ____________________________________________________________

School District/Building ________________________________________________

Nominee’s Home Address ________________________________________________

Nominee’s Phone: ___________________________ Job Title * ___________________

Please explain how this person has impacted the quality of education in your school and tell why this person has made a difference in your (or another child’s) individual education. Feel free to use the criteria mentioned at right as you write, give examples from your own experience, and speak from your heart!

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Please submit your nomination form to your local school district (names and addresses listed on back of form).

Submitted by: __________________________________________

Contact Information: Phone: (_________) ___________________

Email: ___________________________ @ _________________

Do you know someone who has “made a difference” to a student in your district?

The purpose of the “Educational Hero Award” recognition is to honor and recognize people who make a positive input on the educational setting as a K-12 educator or community member.

Examples of whom you might nominate:

- A teacher or classroom aide
- An administrator, secretary or board of education member
- A bus driver, custodian, or other school support staff
- A social worker, therapist, or consultant
- A volunteer or community member who supports education

Things to consider when submitting a nomination:

1. Someone involved in education who has made a difference in the overall quality of education in Van Buren County by:
   - Demonstrating knowledge and skill in their area of responsibility.
   - Developing unique programs that have enhanced the classroom learning experience.
   - Playing a leadership role in education.
   - Being a true “team player” in a school setting.
   - Providing support for a program, service, or event that significantly impacts education.
   - Exhibiting an attitude that promotes a positive working and learning environment and reflects positively on your school district.

2. Someone who has made an impact in the quality of an individual student’s educational experience by:
   - Demonstrating sensitivity to the needs of individual students.
   - Providing service “above and beyond” (over and above their job description).

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