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Dear Dr. Riker:


I highly recommend Dr. Greg Shoemaker for the I Touched the Future Recognition Award.

Dr. Greg Shoemaker retired recently after serving as Principal at Kenneth Butz, Jr. Elementary School for 7 years and also spent 28 years as an administrator in the Easton Area School District. During his 7 years in the Nazareth Area School, he advocated for students each and every day. His “high fives” became a hallmark at Butz Elementary School and he was often approached for a “high five” by former students at other buildings. He held his students and staff to high standards and expectations, but he was always willing to lend a hand to support struggling students and developed unique programs to meet their needs.

Dr. Shoemaker was a “teaching Principal” who led reading groups on a regular basis, modeling for his teachers what guided reading should look like by example. He advocated for literacy, the use of the workshop model, and for teachers to listen and learn from their students in order to meet the needs of their students. In addition, he worked diligently to grow the environmental center and include the use of outdoor classrooms in instruction. His work in the environmental center and with The Science Project will only grow this valuable resource.

I highly recommend Dr. Shoemaker for the I Touched the Future Recognition Award and believe that he exemplifies the commitment academics, athletics, and the arts that this award represents. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Janet E. Wolff