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School District 64 Board of Education Congratulates Golden Apple Finalist

The Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education at its May 26 meeting recognized Carpenter School grade 2 teacher Debbie Graziano for her selection as a finalist in the 2009 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching in grades pre-K through 3. Ms. Graziano was one of 30 finalists chosen by the Golden Apple Foundation from among 947 Chicagoland area teachers nominated this year. The foundation further noted Ms. Graziano as a "Teacher of Distinction" for her superior teaching work and will ask her to participate in Golden Apple programs.

Ms. Graziano is the first District 64 teacher to receive the Golden Apple finalist accolade.

"We are delighted that Ms. Graziano's passion for teaching and her love of learning have been acknowledged by other master teachers in her profession," stated District 64 Superintendent Sally Pryor. "Her creativity and focus in the classroom each day are an inspiration to other teachers, and speak to the high standards in District 64," she added.

The foundation presented a special plaque to Ms. Graziano and the other finalists at an awards brunch in April in Chicago.

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