



SPONSOR: Rep. S. Moore on behalf of all Representatives &  
Sen. Sturgeon on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

COMMENDING HEATHER HITCHENS REPRESENTING THE LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR BEING  
SELECTED AS DELAWARE'S EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR FOR 2023 AND  
COMMENDING EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER NETWORK'S EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT  
PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR.

1 WHEREAS, educational support professionals work each day with more than 141,000 children who attend 250  
2 Delaware public schools in 19 school districts and 23 charter schools; and

3 WHEREAS, educational support professionals strive for excellence in their profession when they know that the  
4 community supports them and appreciates their efforts on behalf of our children; and

5 WHEREAS, the Educational Support Professional of the Year program identifies building and district  
6 representatives who embody the best qualities of all Delaware teachers; and

7 WHEREAS, the Delaware Educational Support Professional of the Year Program recognizes outstanding service by  
8 school employees who provide direct or indirect services to students and their families: and

9 WHEREAS, Heather Hitchens of Lake Forest Central Elementary School in the Lake Forest School District has  
10 been named Delaware State Educational Support Professional of the Year for 2023; and

11 WHEREAS, 19 of the other school districts and the Delaware Charter Network has chosen a 2023 District/Charter  
12 Educational Support Professional of the Year, namely :

13 Appoquinimink School District: Claudine Strawbridge

14 Brandywine School District: Meg Brown

15 Caesar Rodney School District: Jossette Threatts

16 Cape Henlopen School District: Brittany Hoeller

17 Capital School District: David Hom

18 Christina School District: Matthew Stearn

19 Colonial School District: Joseph Davis

20 Delmar School District: Michelle Niblett

21 Indian River School District: Arleth Avalos  
22 Lake Forest School District: Heather Hitchens  
23 Laurel School District: Ashley Pugh  
24 Milford School District: Lisa McQueen  
25 New Castle County Vocational Technical School District: Michele Marra  
26 POLYTECH School District: Jodine Cybulski  
27 Red Clay Consolidated School District: Clare Lawrence  
28 Seaford School District: Daniel Hopkins  
29 Smyrna School District: Pamela Hilliard  
30 Sussex Technical School District: Kim Speicher  
31 Woodbridge School District: Ricki Truitt  
32 Delaware Charter School Network: Eric Winston

33 NOW, THEREFORE:

34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
35 Senate concurring therein, that the Members do hereby commend Heather Hitchens for the well-deserved designation as 2023  
36 Delaware Educational Support Professional of the Year.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the entire membership of the Delaware General Assembly does hereby extend  
38 heartfelt gratitude to Heather Hitchens, Delaware Educational Support Professional of the Year, and to each of the fellow  
39 Educational Support Professionals of the Year for 2023, for their many contributions to the betterment of education in  
40 Delaware.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitably prepared copies of this House Concurrent Resolution be presented to  
42 Heather Hitchens and each of the District/Charter Network Educational Support Professionals of the Year.

#### SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution commends the 2023 Delaware Educational Support Professional of the Year, Heather Hitchens, and all of the District/Charter Network Educational Support Professionals of the Year.