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## PRESS Release

### Local Teacher of the Year, Kari Pinney, Receives Accolades

Park County School District #6 teacher, Kari Pinney, received the district Teacher of the Year award for 2015, according to Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill. Pinney, a teacher for 24 years, serves as music teacher at Sunset Elementary School.

“Every child desires to be seen, heard, loved, encouraged, valued and safe. I have grown in my ability to develop safe and trusting relationships with my students,” says Pinney.

Speaking about the teaching profession, Pinney comments, “Being an educator is a calling. K-12 educators have a significant window of opportunity to impact the lives of children in their care. When we connect with the heart of children, they in turn give us amazing gifts, the gift to help support and shape their lives.”

Assessment is a current buzz word in educational circles. Pinney addresses this topic: “Music instruction is vital to every child’s education but in our nation, school districts are cutting the arts due to...a culture of testing.”

Pinney will receive a crystal apple award from the Wyoming Department of Education.