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Local Teacher of the Year, Josh Jackson, Receives Accolades

Goshen County School District #1 teacher, Josh Jackson, received the district Teacher of the Year award for 2015, according to Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill. Jackson, a teacher for 6 years, serves as English teacher at Goshen Middle School.

“My greatest accomplishments are my students; they are, after all, why I teach,” says Jackson. “Through rich texts, deep questions and a desire to always challenge and dig deeper, I prepare my students for the world outside of school.”

Speaking about the teaching profession, Jackson comments, “My philosophy of teaching is simple...it is all about relationships. Being a teacher is peering into the eyes of each student who walks through my door and searching for the strengths they have. I will connect with every child, their family and their experiences and in so doing help them to make connections to the learning.”

Accountability is a current buzz word in educational circles. Jackson addresses this topic: “More often than not students are beginning to get the impression that they are a number, statistic, or comparison. I believe that some teachers and students have lost their passion for education because of the impersonal nature created by standardized tests. True accountability is crafted from multiple assessment measures. The relationships that we build to help students develop play a large part in their success.”

Jackson, who will receive a crystal apple award from the Wyoming Department of Education, says, “I greet my students each day. I invest in the lives of my students so they understand that education is more than just schooling but how we learn to interact with one another. Students collaborate in groups to work, reflect and synthesize new ideas. These connections go beyond the concrete walls of the school.”