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Michelle Werner Recognized for Child Advocacy within the Kimberly Area School District

Kimberly, Wis. – June 11, 2019 – Michelle Werner, a parent volunteer with the [Kimberly Area School District \(KASD\)](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us), was presented with a Bert Grover Child Advocacy Certificate of Recognition for 2019 from the [Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators Inc. \(WASDA\)](http://www.wasda.org). Werner was presented with the Certificate of Recognition at KASD's June 10, 2019, Board of Education meeting.

The WASDA Board of Directors recognize people that have exhibited extraordinary dedication to the cause of child advocacy in Wisconsin. Werner was recognized for her many years of service as a volunteer at [Woodland Elementary](#), [Woodland Intermediate](#) and [J.R. Gerritts Middle School \(JRG\)](#).

At Woodland Elementary and Intermediate School, Werner

has served in formal roles with their Parent Teacher Organization. She helps in classrooms, has chaperoned local and international field trips, and volunteers to assist with school-wide programming. "If there is something that needs to be done at Woodland, there is a good chance Michelle is near, and is offering a helping hand to support staff, fellow parents or students," said Timothy Doleysh, principal of Woodland Elementary School.



Michelle Werner, third from the right, was presented with a Bert Grover Child Advocacy Certificate of Recognition at the Kimberly Area School District's Board of Education Meeting.

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Werner has served as the school's Fun Run coordinator. Proceeds from this event have made a significant impact at the school, including the construction of an outdoor classroom, doubling the size of their playground equipment, expanding their music equipment offering and helping to update classroom libraries for both the elementary and intermediate portions of the school. "I often joke with Michelle that she should be on the payroll in the Kimberly Area School District," said Dave Lamers, principal of Woodland Intermediate School. "She spends countless hours within our community's schools."

For the past two years, Werner has also been an active volunteer with JRG's Student Services Department. She is passionate about helping support their comprehensive school counseling program in any way that she can. She works closely with the department on their annual fundraiser. The proceeds are used to support programming aimed at connecting students with additional support. She also helps the school by volunteering at their Run for ROCKS event. ROCKS is a student group dedicated to doing fun and interesting activities while educating students about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Another way that Michelle supports JRG is by helping to organize a Staff Appreciation Luncheon. This luncheon is a gesture of appreciation to the staff for all that they have done throughout the year to support students. "Michelle is passionate about helping youth in any capacity that she can," said Eric Brinkmann, principal of JRG. "The quality of her work and her willingness to give generously of her time make her an invaluable member of our community."

The Certificate of Recognition for Child Advocacy is a symbol of appreciation for the ongoing support Michelle Werner has made on behalf of children in the Kimberly Area School District and Wisconsin.

About the Kimberly Area School District

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6),

one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.