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Board of Education Recognizes Educator Commitment

(WAYNE,NJ)—The Wayne Township Board of Education is proud to recognize the efforts of five highly dedicated educators for their commitment to a district-wide initiative. Director of Elementary Education Donna Reichman presented certificates to Reading Specialists Elizabeth Sponenburg, Debra Nussbaum, Suzana Adamo and Margaret Pisani. Assistant Director of Student Support Services Erica Cerilli-Levine was also recognized for her successful program implementation and professional support efforts.

During the summer of 2016, the district established a goal to develop an early intervention program for elementary school students struggling with reading. The Wilson Reading System was identified as our intervention program. The Wilson Reading System is an intensive and explicit program developed for students with Dyslexia or language-based learning disabilities. Each of the reading specialists completed a rigorous, full-year Wilson Level I Reading Certification Program. Students receiving instruction with this new multi-sensory reading program were able to achieve great gains and they exceeded the reading improvement goals established by their teachers. The reading specialists proudly spoke about the progress of their students and the great benefit of the program.

Last year, thirty additional teachers participated in a comprehensive three-day overview. This year, another 30 teachers will be completing the three-day training, while an additional ten teachers and reading specialists are expected to complete the rigorous full-year Wilson Level I Training Program. At the end of the year, the district will have approximately 75 Wilson trained educators who will further bolster district efforts to provide reading interventions for our youngest students in greatest need.



Pictured (Left to Right): Assistant Director of Student Support Services Erica Cerilli-Levine, Director of Elementary Education Donna Reichman, John F. Kennedy Reading Specialist Elizabeth Sponenburg, JFK Principal Kolleen Myers, Packanack Reading Specialist Debra Nussbaum, Packanack Principal Roger Rogalin, APT Reading Specialist Suzana Adamo, APT Principal Dawn Auerbach, Theunis Dey Reading Specialist Margaret Pisani, Theunis Dey Principal, Necole Jadick

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