

# e-News

An electronic newsletter from ISD #200—Hastings Public Schools



## TIES Teachers Of Excellence

The Hastings School District is pleased to announce that Kelly Heckendorf and Jennifer Herber will be recognized in December at the annual TIES Tech Conference, for their strong commitment to integrate technology for both their students and their colleagues.



Kelly Heckendorf has been an Elementary Art Teacher at JFK Elementary for the past 8 years. During her tenure she has been able to connect with students in teaching the traditional components of art as well as connecting digital experiences for her students. Kelly models the "growth mindset" and is always looking for new and better ways to lead learning in her art classroom while keeping a great sense of humor when sometimes failing at those new attempts.

Jennifer Herber has been teaching English/ language Arts in Hastings for the past 22 years. She has had the opportunity to teach students in every grade from fifth grade to high school seniors. During her tenure, at the middle school site, she has assisted in leading the ELA department in learning about a variety of digital assessments, digital instructional tools, and related software. Ms. Herber has helped to guide the middle school team with; embedding formative assessment through the use of IXL, the digital tools with Scholastic Scope magazine, and writing blogs. In her daily teaching she uses a classroom set of Chrome-books that were procured through local grants.



Congratulations to both of these outstanding educators on this recognition of their accomplishments.

## Thank You



On behalf of the Hastings School District I would like to say thank you to our community. The holidays are a season of giving and our community has always been a very supportive and giving place to live. Our community approved both a \$49.5 million dollar bond and an increase to our operating levy by \$300 per student. We understand that for many parents and residents, this increase in taxes is a financial commitment that is not always easy to make. As always, we will work tirelessly to make sure that your financial commitment to our district is used wisely. We will strive to connect with every student who walks through our doors.

Thank you for your vote of continued support on November 7th and I wish you and your families a very happy holiday season.



## Educator of the Year Nominations

The Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 50 YEAR anniversary in 2018! Over the years, community members and business leaders created a long standing tradition to recognize one exceptional volunteer, educator and business at the Annual Chamber Dinner.

This year, the Chamber has asked us to pass this nominating information on to our parents and encourage them to nominate an educator for this recognition.

To submit a nomination, please click on the interactive link below or print out a form by clicking on the link below The 2017 Award Winners and mail it to the Chamber Office.

[Nomination Form](#)