



BENTLEY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION'S 2017 – 2018 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

SUSAN CISZ

It gives the staff at Bentley Alternative Education Program great pleasure to nominate middle school teacher, Susan Cisz, for our 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year. Sue's commitment to children and their learning is clear to everyone who works with her, students and staff alike. She has demonstrated, above all else, an amazing propensity to observe, question, plan, and modify instruction for her students. Though expectations remain high, she shows sensitivity to the diverse needs of some of the district's most challenging students. Each day, each class period, is a fresh start. Sue is a consummate professional. She is highly organized, creative, and is conscious and deliberate about the decisions she makes. She is acutely aware of the complexities of a teacher's job, particularly of a teacher in an alternative setting. Educator, advocate, nurturer are just a few roles filled by Sue. Each day she brings a smile and a positive attitude into her classroom and our community, and goes above and beyond to try to motivate her students to actively take part in the learning process. One of her strongest attributes is her ability to work with others in pursuit of a common goal, regardless of who is requesting her assistance. She is a team player and is considered a trusted colleague. Sue not only advocates for the best education possible for her students, she readily reaches for opportunities to learn and challenge herself. She is an active member of our school PLC, often introducing new and innovative instructional practices to the other teachers. She willingly collaborates with her colleagues and is not afraid to ask for help when needed. For these reasons, and the numerous ones we have no room to mention, we honor Susan Cisz as Bentley's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year.

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