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Melissa Wheeler named Macomb County School Social Worker of the Year

Warren, MI – Melissa Wheeler, district social worker, was named the 2025 School Social Worker of the Year for Macomb County-Region M, by the Michigan Association of School Social Workers.

The Michigan Association of School Social Workers chose Wheeler for her demonstrated outstanding performance in her practice and her pivotal role in bridging the gap between students, families, and educational staff by fostering a supportive environment for students' academic and personal growth.

Wheeler has been with Warren Consolidated Schools for the past 15 years, currently serving students at Beer Middle School. She also oversees the school's Peer-to-Peer program.

"I am incredibly honored and don't take this recognition lightly," Wheeler said. "I know that this is not a solo achievement, and I owe this success to the incredible team of educators, administrators, parents, and especially to the students, whose strength and resilience continually inspire me."

Wheeler went into the field of social work because she wanted to dedicate her career to improving the well-being of students, providing support to families, and linking together with the community. She believes in providing an environment where every student feels seen, heard, supported, and has the opportunity to succeed.

"We are fortunate to have a dedicated, compassionate, and committed social worker like Melissa Wheeler making a difference in the lives of so many students and families," Superintendent John C. Bernia, Jr., Ed.D. said. "This award is a testament to the positive change Melissa brings to the lives of the students she serves at Beer Middle School."

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