



March 26, 2012 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Mary (Serowik) McFarlane Class of 1966

Mary (Serowik) McFarlane graduated from Roosevelt High School in June, 1966. She earned her Masters Degree from Nova University and her Bachelors and Education Specialist Degrees from Wayne State University. She taught at Walled Lake Western High School in Walled Lake, Michigan; Basic High School in Henderson, Nevada; and Exeter High School in Exeter, New Hampshire, before returning to Wyandotte. She became

Assistant Principal of Roosevelt High School in 1990 and served as Principal from 1994 - 2010. She currently lives in Wyandotte with her husband, Hugh, and enjoys visiting and spending time with her two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa (George) Mawle and Anne (Craig) Petitpren.

Mary McFarlane contributed to the improvement and success of Roosevelt High School, Wyandotte Public Schools, and the Wyandotte Community with her influence being felt throughout the State. She was a chair or co-chair for five millage and bond campaigns for Wyandotte Public Schools; and chaired the Bacon Library Millage Campaign. She has been an active member of the Wyandotte Public Schools Scholarship Foundation through which she spearheaded the Roosevelt High School Walk of Honor. The WPS Scholarship Foundation contributes thousands of dollars of scholarships to deserving RHS students every year.

As a Principal, Mary encouraged and built leadership capacity in her staff and students.

Under Mary's leadership, staff members have received two National Teaching Awards and thirteen State or County Teaching Awards; as well as much local recognition for innovation and commitment to excellence. Roosevelt High School earned State and National recognition for successfully implementing the rigorous requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC). In 2006, Time Magazine, Time.com, honored RHS with an article entitled, ***Building a New Student in Michigan.*** In 2008, Mary, Superintendent Dr. Patricia Cole, and Mathematics Teacher Joanna Secco, presented to the Michigan State Board of Education and the House and Senate Education Committees. In 2010, Governor Jennifer

Granholm visited RHS to acknowledge the success of our students meeting the demands of the MMC.

Mary McFarlane has been a member of the Committee on the Larger Secondary Schools through the National Association of Secondary School Principals and served on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals. She has presented at conferences for both organizations and at Michigan State University's Aspiring Administrators Conference. She has been awarded the AAUW Woman of the Year; the G. Harold Martin Fellow through Kiwanis; a finalist for Administrator of the Year from the Michigan Science Teachers Association; and was awarded the Wayne County Administrator of the Year in 2010.