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**MSD of Lawrence Township Announces 2025 Teacher of the Year:
Ms. Madelyn Miller, Amy Beverland Elementary School**

The MSD of Lawrence Township is pleased to announce the 2025 Teacher of the Year, Ms. Madelyn Miller, Lifeskills Teacher at Amy Beverland Elementary School (ABE). A native of Zionsville, Indiana, Miller has served in the MSD of Lawrence Township at Amy Beverland since 2023 when she graduated from college. Both of her student teaching experiences were completed in the MSD of Lawrence Township.

According to Amy Beverland principal Mr. Jered Pennington:

Ms. Miller provides high quality instruction daily to our students with the most significant cognitive and physical needs. When planning, she creates lesson plans that capitalize on the strengths and interests of her students and provides the requisite support and accountability to help each student succeed.

When she saw a need for her students to increase their functional communication skills, she worked collaboratively with our Occupational/Physical Therapists and Speech and Language Pathologist to create an ABE drink/snack cart. Every other Thursday, students push the cart around the building asking staff if they would like a treat. When doing so, each student uses their unique form of functional communication to interact with the adults.

Ms. Miller's greatest strength is in building and sustaining positive relationships with students, families, and staff. She goes out of her way to share positive notes, pictures, and/or videos with families to highlight the hard work and successes of her students. Ms. Miller has established relationships with general education students in the building, and many ask to use recess time to volunteer in Ms. Miller's Lifeskills classroom.

Ms. Miller hold a Bachelors of Science degree in both Mild and Intensive Intervention K-12 from Ball State University and has spent the past two years at Amy Beverland Elementary. Her passion for Special Education stems from her involvement with the Best Buddies and Unified Track programs at Zionsville High School. She believes that all students deserve the best possible educational experiences and is committed to identifying the unique modifications and supports that meet individual student needs.

The Teacher of the Year program is sponsored by Equitable Advisors.

About the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township:

The fifth largest and fastest growing school district in the state, the MSD of Lawrence Township serves approximately 17,000 students across four Early Learning Centers, eleven Elementary Schools, two Middle Schools, two High Schools, a Center for Innovation and Technology, and an alternative setting high school. Lawrence Township strives to be the district of destination, a reputation built over the years based on the district's award-winning staff, accomplished administrators, high-achieving students, supportive community, and innovative educational programs. Visit our website at www.LTschools.org.