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First Time in History: Granite State High School Teacher Nominated for Teacher of the Year

April 8, 2019 – (Concord, NH) The New Hampshire Department of Corrections (NHDOC) is pleased to announce for the first time in its history, a teacher from Granite State High School, located inside the prison walls, is a nominee for the NH Department of Education's Teacher of the Year 2020.

Kimberly Piper joined 37 other certified teachers last Monday at the Holiday Inn in Concord as they presented their achievements in education to the selection committee. The committee will choose 6-8 semi-finalists scheduled to be announced mid-April. The committee will then tour each semi-finalists' school to observe the teacher in the classroom setting and interview students and colleagues. The list of teachers will be narrowed down to a few finalists and ultimately, the Teacher of the Year 2020 will be announced in September 2019.

Granite State High School, a fully accredited high school located within the New Hampshire State Prison for Men (NHSP-M), New Hampshire Correctional Facility for Women (NHCFW) and the Northern New Hampshire Correctional Facility (NNHCF), employs a full contingent of qualified educators who teach basic and specialized high school classes to incarcerated individuals.

“Kimberly spent a lot of time during the presentation answering basic questions about Granite State High School because many people still do not know there is a school district within the walls of the prison,” Director of Education, Laura Hardwick said. “If we truly believe in the rehabilitation of those incarcerated, giving residents an opportunity to achieve their high school diploma is paramount to helping these individuals become productive members of society upon their release.”

The NHDOC congratulates Kimberly and wishes her luck as the voting process continues!

Did you know teachers work at the NHDOC too? Come join our team! For more information on a career with the NHDOC visit www.nhdocjobs.com. A current list of all open positions can be found at www.nh.gov.

Photo Caption: Teacher Kimberly Piper stands next to her presentation of work at the Holiday Inn on Monday, April 1, 2019.