

**North Dakota Department of Public Instruction  
State Title I Office**

## **2006 Outstanding Title I Educator**

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Several years ago, the State Title I office started an award called the Outstanding Title I Educator award. We honored our first Outstanding Title I Educator in the fall of 1999.

There are so many dedicated, outstanding Title I personnel (teachers, administrators, aides, etc.) in North Dakota and this award provides an opportunity to honor at least one individual, although we realize there are so many!

The Department of Public Instruction, Title I office is pleased to announce that Joy Walker is the recipient of the 2006 Outstanding Title I Educator Award. Joy is a former Title I coordinator for the Minot Public School District and recently assumed a new position as the principal of the Edison Elementary School. This award was announced at the 2006 Fall Title I Workshop held in October.



Ms. Walker is a true mentor to other Title I teachers. Even in the beginning of her teaching career, she excelled and was nominated as an Outstanding Student Teacher. Joy is an active member of the local reading council and IRA, is the recipient of a Golden Apple Award, and a frequent presenter for Title I as well as many other workshops.

Nominees for this award were Title I educators who have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues and play an active and vital role in their school's Title I program. The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction solicited nominations in September. The Title I Committee of Practitioners selected the award winner from the nominations received.



Joy was described by those who nominated her as a respected leader in her school district, being extremely organized, and having a genuine concern and love for children. Her outgoing, energetic, bubbly personality and positive outlook makes her an ideal educator and mentor.

We are so pleased to have Joy Walker represent North Dakota as our 2006-2007 Outstanding Title I Educator.

As a recipient of this award, Joy received a plaque and a grant award for \$5,000. These funds can be used for any allowable Title I expenditure that will benefit the Title I program in the Minot Public School District.