



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Thanks Minnesota Educator For Inspiring Her Students

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### **REP. TOM EMMER:**

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an educator in my district who was recently named Minnesota's Middle-Level Art Teacher of the Year by the Art Educators of Minnesota. Pam Schwandt began her teaching career 31 years ago at Lincoln Elementary School in Anoka, Minnesota, where she was a favorite teacher of one of my staffers. After 13 years in Anoka, Pam moved to Roosevelt Middle School, where she has been for the past 18 years. While Pam recognizes that not all of her students will become artists, she believes many life lessons can be taught through art. Pam has been helping students learn how to find joy in addition to nurturing their creative thinking and problem-solving skills through art. I speak for all Minnesotans when I say thank you, Pam. The best teachers are the ones who go above and beyond just teaching a subject. The best teachers are the ones, like you, who teach lessons and skills that our students will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Your award is well deserved.

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