



## CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS

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### **Carmel Clay Schools Announce Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalists**

Carmel Clay Schools announced 25 outstanding educators who have been named Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalists. These incredible teachers will be recognized for this honor during a special ceremony April 26<sup>th</sup>. One teacher will be selected to represent Carmel Clay Schools at the Indiana Department of Education's Teacher of the Year program.

Hundreds of nominations were made by students, parents, colleagues and community members. A selection committee comprised of teachers, administrators and a representative from the Carmel Education Foundation reviewed each nomination and selected the following educators:

**Kimi Fisher**, Carmel Elementary  
**Heather Urtel**, Cherry Tree Elementary  
**Abbie Mann**, College Wood Elementary  
**Julie Arnold**, Forest Dale Elementary  
**Cherie Struve** Mohawk Trails Elementary  
**Lee Ann Wischmeyer**, Woodbrook Elementary  
**Steve West**, Orchard Park Elementary  
**Jennifer Marshall**, Prairie Trace Elementary  
**Josh Southard**, Smoky Row Elementary  
**Carrie Tester**, Towne Meadow Elementary  
**Megan Cronkhite**, West Clay Elementary  
**Chris Drabyn**, Carmel Middle School  
**Sarah Mize**, Carmel Middle School  
**Jeff Carter**, Clay Middle School  
**Evan Williams**, Clay Middle School  
**Leann Gemelas-Wood**, Creekside Middle School  
**Nichole Johnson**, Creekside Middle School  
**Wendy Bass**, Carmel High School  
**Robert Elder**, Carmel High School  
**Will Ellery**, Carmel High School  
**Drew Grimes**, Carmel High School  
**Sarah Wolff**, Carmel High School  
**Kristi Leveque**, Carmel High School  
**Allison Malloy**, Carmel High School  
**Chard Reid**, Carmel High School

The Carmel Clay Schools Teacher of the Year award is endowed by the Stephen A. Backer Memorial. Mr. Backer was an advocate and supporter of Carmel Clay Schools and served on the School Board for seven years until his passing in March 2009. Donations in support of the

Stephen A. Backer Teacher of the Year award may be made through the Carmel Education Foundation.