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### PLACER COUNTY’S “TEACHER OF THE YEAR” FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS ASHLEY RUE FROM BLUE OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Auburn, CA** – Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica is pleased to announce Ashley Rue, first grade teacher from Blue Oaks Elementary School in the Roseville City School District, as the “2019 Placer County Elementary School Teacher of the Year.”

“Teachers like Ashley are what makes Placer County gold in education,” said Superintendent Garbolino-Mojica. “Together with Roseville City School District Superintendent Derk Garcia, we are thrilled to honor Ashley.”



*(Left to right: Roseville City School District Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services Jerry Jorgensen, Roseville City School District Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jamey Schrey, Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica, 2019 Placer County Elementary School Teacher of the Year Ashley Rue, Blue Oaks Elementary School Principal Erin Peterson and Roseville City School District Superintendent Derk Garcia.)*

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Ms. Rue has a strong passion for education and it shows in her interactions with her students, aides, administration and with parents. She is described as a patient mentor for her students who helps them discover gems of wisdom within themselves. She is intentional in her approach to learning and has the ability to recognize when a change is needed to meet the needs of every student. She seeks out and adapts to the diversity of learners in her classroom and strongly believes in the importance of social emotional learning.

Ms. Rue has a growth mindset based on the philosophy that “we should be better teachers today than we were yesterday.” She continues to seek out new strategies, tools and tactics. She attends professional development workshops, contributes to her Professional Learning Community of first grade teachers and takes time during her prep period to observe other teachers in order to gain new insights into instruction. Additionally, she organizes a writers workshop for students and directs the school musical with enthusiasm.

Each year, the Placer County Office of Education honors three Teachers of the Year – Elementary School, Middle School and High School – through a process that highlights educational innovation, student learning, a commitment to professional development and empathy for all students to ensure equity in education. Further, the program highlights the positive aspects of our educational system. This year, 19 teachers from all across the county were nominated from their respective districts, making this year the highest number of nominations in the history of the recognition program.

#### 2019 Placer County Teachers of the Year:

- Elementary School – Ashley Rue, Blue Oaks Elementary School, Roseville City School District
- Middle School – John-Paul Gonzalez, Placer Elementary School (K-8), Loomis Union School District
- High School – Erin Granucci, Roseville High School, Roseville Joint Union High School District.

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