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State Board District 3 Teacher of the Year Announced

Rachael Murdock is 2018 Teacher of the Year for State Board of Education District 3 and one of five finalists for 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year, according to an announcement made by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria. With nearly 30 years of teaching experience under her belt, including 19 years at Stivers School for the Arts in Dayton, Murdock is an accomplished educator who teaches multiple language arts and AP English courses.

“Teachers are changing lives and creating futures – not only for the students, but for our communities, our state and our nation,” DeMaria said. “The Ohio Teacher of the Year program recognizes these influential and inspiring educators and demonstrates one of the things I love most about teachers: they take our system to higher heights and continue the path toward excellence.”

The Ohio Department of Education invited school districts to nominate teachers for the District 3 award. State Board of Education member Charlotte McGuire worked with a committee of educators, parents and business leaders to select Murdock as the recipient.

McGuire said, “I am so proud of Ms. Murdock! Her work speaks volumes about her ‘heart’ for every child’s success in education.”

Stivers School for the Arts Principal Erin Dooley said, “Rachael is highly respected and a role model to her peers – she has high standards for her own performance and has been able to help her colleagues improve theirs. She has exemplary instructional skills and has found ways to connect classical literature to 21st century urban students.”

This fall, the state superintendent will announce the Ohio Teacher of the Year, who is selected from the pool of State Board district winners by a panel of education and community stakeholders. The Ohio Teacher of the Year will represent our state in the national Teacher of the Year competition sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers in 2018.

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Note: Photographs and more information about State Board District Teachers of the Year are available [here](#).