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Dayton Mayor Beth Wytoski Receives LOC's Civic Education Award

BEND, Ore. – Dayton Mayor Beth Wytoski, a teacher at Dayton High School, received the Civic Education Award Friday evening at the League of Oregon Cities' (LOC) 94th Annual Conference in Bend. The award recognizes educators who have promoted local government education in Oregon schools. This year, the award was presented to co-recipients, with Philomath Police Officer Mark Koeppe also recognized.

A government and economics teacher for more than 10 years, Mayor Wytoski has nurtured civic responsibility by giving her students practical, hands-on exercises that instill the values of civility and respect, community involvement, equity and inclusion, and personal responsibility. Her impact goes well beyond the classroom. As mayor, she connects students with government officials, providing opportunities for interaction with their city councilors, state legislators, and the governor. In addition, she's created a nationally-recognized civics education curriculum that requires students to develop a community action plan to improve the lives of residents in an area of concern. Over the years, her students have created plans for additional sidewalks and recreation facilities, outlined homelessness solutions, and park remodels, for use by city and county decision-makers. Finally, Mayor Wytoski serves as an ever-present, in-classroom role model for students, particularly young women, on the importance of public service.

About the Civic Education Award

The Civic Education Award was created in 1998 by the LOC Board of Directors to offer recognition to educators in Oregon who have promoted local government education in Oregon's schools. The award is for individuals who demonstrate their commitment to fostering civic responsibility in youth.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 242 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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