



Alexander Wilson Elementary School

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Dear Members of the Queen of Swepsonville Nomination Committee,

It is with great pride and admiration that I submit this nomination of Mrs. Rachel Couturier for the distinguished title of Queen of Swepsonville. As a beloved educator, community volunteer, and an inspiring leader for the past 31 years, Rachel has not only shaped the lives of countless children and families but has also continuously given of her time and talents to create a positive and uplifting environment within our community.

Over three decades of teaching—all dedicated to the Alexander Wilson community, Rachel has educated hundreds of students, extending her impact beyond the classroom to reach parents and guardians who deeply appreciate her commitment and compassionate approach. Her dedication is evident at almost every school event, where she can be seen volunteering her time, working tirelessly to ensure each event is a success, and fostering a welcoming atmosphere for students and their families.

Rachel's love for the school extends beyond school hours. She and her husband can be found on weekends, working together to mulch, plant flowers, and tend to the campus grounds, beautifying the space for all who attend and visit. She has gone above and beyond her role as an educator, ensuring that our school campus remains a source of pride for students, parents, faculty, and the community.

In addition to her dedication to teaching, Rachel is a mentor and leader among her peers. For decades, she has served as a teacher leader and mentor to younger educators, generously sharing her knowledge and experience, and offering support to those navigating their way through this rewarding but challenging profession. Her wisdom and encouragement have been invaluable to many of her colleagues, creating a strong, united teaching community.

One of Rachel's most notable contributions is her meticulous planning and coordination of the annual 5th-grade trip to Washington, D.C. For years, she has single-handedly organized this trip, handling all of the logistics and ensuring that each student has a meaningful, memorable experience. This trip has become a cherished tradition in our community, providing students with a unique educational opportunity that would not be possible without Rachel's dedication.

Rachel also passionately supports various programs that enrich the lives of her students. She is an active supporter of the DARE program, coordinates the 5th-grade graduation celebration, and guides the Safety Patrol club, teaching students valuable skills and instilling a sense of responsibility and pride in their school. Her commitment to these programs is a testament to her belief in nurturing well-rounded, responsible individuals.

For all of these reasons, I wholeheartedly believe that Rachel Couturier embodies the spirit of a true Queen of Swepsonville. Her unselfish dedication to her students, her colleagues, and our community exemplifies the values and qualities that make our town a better place. I am confident that there is no candidate more deserving of this honor.

Thank you for considering this nomination. Please feel free to reach out if you require any further information.

Sincerely,
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