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To: Mike Riggle  
Fr: Karen Geddeis  
Re: Students and Staff Who Excel  
Date: May 20, 2013

At the Board meeting on Monday, June 10, we will recognize two teachers for their Golden Apple finalist awards.

GBS music teacher Greg Wojcik and GBN biology teacher Mike Piskel have been named one of only 32 finalists in the state of Illinois for a Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching, one of the most prestigious awards given to Illinois teachers.

The finalists, selected from a pool of 510 nominations and 215 applications, represent teachers throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. The purpose of the award is to honor and recognize outstanding educators for their role in building a stronger, better-educated society.

The Golden Apple's selection committee is comprised of prominent retired teachers, college and university professors, administrators and former Golden Apple Award recipients. As part of the process, the finalists are observed in their classrooms and the selection committee conducts interviews with teachers, colleagues, supervisors, students and parents.