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DISTRICT PRESS RELEASE

Pam Aoyagi Recipient of Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education

Longview teacher first from Murray schools to receive this Distinguished Award

April 17, 2007, Murray, UT – Highly respected Longview Elementary School Teacher Pam Aoyagi was visited at school today by Mrs. Karen Huntsman and informed that she is one of only ten state-wide recipients of the 2007 Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education. Murray was the first school on Mrs. Huntsman awards tour, and Mrs. Aoyagi is the first teacher from the Murray City School District to receive this highly coveted and distinguished award. Dr. Steve Hirase from the district office was on hand to congratulate Mrs. Aoyagi, along with her principal Mr. Andy Forsyth, her husband and other proud staff members. Former Longview principal Betsy Hunt was also at the presentation. Mrs. Hunt submitted the nomination of Mrs. Aoyagi.

Ten outstanding educators and volunteers will be awarded this year for their selfless work with Utah schoolchildren and for going above and beyond what is expected in order to make a difference. Their accomplishments and efforts will be honored at a banquet this spring where they will receive a crystal trophy and a \$10,000 check for their own personal use. The honorees are selected by a panel of distinguished education and business leaders.

The Huntsman Awards for Excellence in Education mission is to recognize, inspire and reward the best teachers, school administrators and volunteers in Utah for continually seeking ways to improve the quality of education in our public school system. They also strive to draw attention to the importance that the strength of our economy, the quality of our work force, the vitality of our communities, and the productivity and well-being of our citizens depends on an education system that provides people of all ages with the knowledge and skills they need to live, learn and work in a changing world.

Under the direction of the Murray Schools Board of Education, the mission of the Murray City School District is to work in partnership with the community in the education of youth in a changing society. Richard R. Tranter is superintendent and chief executive officer of Murray School District; Mitzi Huff president of the Murray City School Board.

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