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Murray District Teacher of the Year Named *Outstanding teacher for 2009-10 school year recognized*

June 05, 2009, Murray, UT – Superintendent Richard R. Tranter announced today that Ms. Connie Johnson, Reading Coordinator at Grant Elementary School, is the **2009-10 Murray City School District Teacher of the Year**. Chosen from a list of 10 outstanding nominees, Ms. Johnson began teaching kindergarten in the Murray City School District in 1994 at Grant and Longview Elementary schools. She became reading coordinator at Grant Elementary in 2000.

Grant School Principal Russ Klein says, “Over the last nine years, Connie has developed a culture of literacy in our school that is both differentiated and research based. Her program addresses the specific needs of each individual student and has students moving in a fluid manner between literacy levels on a continual basis. She is responsible for developing a model program of literacy.”

Nominees for Murray District 2009-10 Teacher of the Year:

- Connie Johnson – Grant Elem
- Kelli Kercher – Horizon Elem
- Courtney Greene – Liberty Elem
- Jill Burnside – Longview Elem
- Cheryl Weiss – McMillan Elem
- Donna Drown – Parkside Elem
- Jessica Dalton – Viewmont Elem
- Dan Demarco – Hillcrest JH
- Ron Gray – Riverview JH
- Keith Wood – Murray HS

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 the Murray City School District; Laura Baker is president of the Murray Board of Education.

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