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Four School District of New Berlin Educators Earn Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Awards

New Berlin, Wis. – For the eighth consecutive year, at least four School District of New Berlin educators have been chosen as Herb Kohl Educational Foundation award winners. This year’s group includes **Matt Kotowicz**, a fifth-grade teacher at Elmwood Elementary; **Taylor Molitor**, a tech ed / construction teacher at New Berlin West; **Kelli Rado**, a second-grade teacher at Elmwood; and **Alison Taxis**, a special education teacher at New Berlin Eisenhower; all winners of Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Fellowship Awards.

They are four of 100 Wisconsin teachers to earn this year’s \$6,000 award. Fellowship recipients are educators who have been chosen for their leadership and service in and outside the classroom, their ability to inspire a love of learning and to motivate their students.

Fellowship recipients are selected by a statewide committee composed of civic leaders and representatives of education-related associations and the program’s co-sponsors: The Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, regional Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESA), and the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators.

“It’s a great honor to receive a Herb Kohl fellowship award, and I’m incredibly happy for and proud of this year’s group of SDNB honorees,” Superintendent Joe Garza said. “Each brings unique qualities to both their classroom and our district. I’m grateful for their dedication to their students, schools and profession, and pleased that their efforts are being recognized with this award.”

The Kohl Foundation Scholarship and Fellowship program was established by the late Herb Kohl, former U.S. senator, philanthropist and businessman. Since 1990, the foundation has awarded \$40 million to Wisconsin educators, students, and schools.

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