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### **Madeira City School District's Educator of the Year**

Madeira Elementary School (MES) Second Grade teacher Kristy Wanstrath has been named the Madeira City Schools Educator of the Year, and will represent the district at the 2019 Celebrate Excellence event in May.

The Hamilton County Education Foundation (HCEF) sponsors the Educator of the Year program through its Celebrate Excellence Program. The Celebrate Excellence Award recognizes and honors excellent educators throughout the public school districts of Hamilton County by providing scholarships to teachers and educational professionals. Madeira staff, parents and community members were asked to nominate a district educator who possesses a high commitment to student achievement, has the ability to challenge students at all levels, and extends him or herself to make a positive difference.

Mrs. Wanstrath was surprised with the announcement when Superintendent Kenji Matsudo and MES Principal Chris Flanagan visited her classroom on April 11. She will represent Madeira at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Celebrate Excellence Breakfast in May.

Madeira began participating in the HCEF's annual educator recognition event in 2015; Mrs. Wanstrath is the fifth educator to represent the district.



Mrs. Wanstrath's second grade students with Superintendent Kenji Matsudo and Madeira Elementary School Principal Chris Flanagan after the announcement.



Mrs. Wanstrath and some of her students (l to r) Madison Grimsley, Isabelle Oyler, Rylan Starr, and Emerson Short