

2019-2020 Paraeducator Of The Year Melissa Curylo



Melissa Curylo – 2019-20 Paraeducator of the Year pictured with Superintendent of Schools, Paul Smith; Melissa Balda, Chris Sullivan, Andy Gonzalez

One of Melissa’s nominators wrote, “Melissa Curylo has had tremendous impact in the schools in which she has served effortlessly adapting to new expectations, standards, and practices. Melissa has the insight and reflection of a seasoned teacher and effectively implements behavioral and academic instruction with dedication and care. This nominee has made a difference in the lives of everyone with whom she works. Her kind nature rubs off on even the most challenging students and with teachers, she is an excellent collaborator.”

Another nominator wrote, “Melissa’s whole-heartedness cannot be understated! She helps us all grow with her fierce advocacy of what’s best for students, program communication, professional learning, and support of each other in our varying roles. We are grateful for her honesty, dedication, grit, and passion. Melissa’s deep belief that all students – even our most at-risk – can learn to thrive in school is realized through her above and beyond daily efforts. She is an unsung hero, a champion of children, and a

truly exemplary Paraeducator richly deserving of representing East Hampton as the 2019 Paraeducator of the Year.”

The administration of the schools in which she has served describe Melissa as conscientious and passionate. They view her as the expert contact for the children who are placed with her. Melissa treats every child as her own – and there is no better example of a Paraeducator who deserves this recognition.

Congratulations Melissa!