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Longfellow School Teacher Wins 2007 National Holocaust Educator Award

Bridgeport, CT – April 3, 2007 – Mark Napoli, a 7th grade social studies teacher at Longfellow School, is one of five winners of the University of Hartford’s 2007 National Holocaust Educator Award. This award follows Napoli’s participation in a five-week competition, in which his students worked on various projects involving the Holocaust.

“The Board of Education congratulates Mr. Napoli for his outstanding efforts,” Dr. John Ramos, Superintendent of Bridgeport Public Schools, said. “We expect great things from both our students and our teachers. It’s evident from his dedication to teaching and this prestigious award that Mr. Napoli embodies the district’s vision.”

Napoli engaged students in activities involving various aspects of the Holocaust. Students studied artifacts, watched videos, wrote research papers, and listened to the experiences of guest speakers who were directly connected to the Holocaust.

After weeks of intense study and hours of hard work, Napoli submitted his project to the University of Hartford’s National Holocaust Educator Award competition. His submission included letters of recommendation, lesson plans, a time chart, and a bibliography.

“It is indeed a pleasure and an honor to receive this award because my class worked so hard for this,” Napoli stated.

Napoli will receive this national honor at reception that will be held on April 30th at the University of Hartford, where winners will receive a \$1000 award and \$250 grant.

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