



LAKEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS HALL OF FAME

Proclamation

WHEREAS The Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame is a tribute to men and women who have made exceptional contributions to society, achieved extraordinary success, exhibited good character and action, bringing honor and prestige to Lakewood High School. Hall of Fame inductees are recognized as outstanding role models for our students and have reached above and beyond the ordinary.

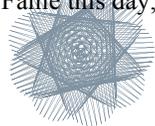
WHEREAS Mrs. Elizabeth Kinsey, is formally inducted into the Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame by the nominating committee, for excellence and dedication.

WHEREAS Libby served as teacher for Lakewood Public Schools from 1978 – 2013, educating students at Woodland, West Elementary, East Elementary and Lakewood Middle School teaching English and Language Arts. Mrs. Kinsey was masterful at the craft of teaching, encouraging her students to find more within themselves and produce their best work. Libby built strong rapport with her students and created a culture in her classroom that fostered excellence in learning. With a deep love for reading, Mrs. Kinsey was one of the first to design a silent reading program for students and used music to instill lessons. Libby's leadership in developing programs within the school that challenged all levels of students and that promoted the benefits of diversity and tolerance. Mrs. Kinsey brought the arts to and music into the classroom which enhanced student engagement that led to students finding a great deal of success in her classroom and beyond. Libby has imparted a love for learning, reading, and writing in generations of Lakewood students. Libby is a brilliant educator.

WHEREAS Mrs. Kinsey served as a mentor and earned the respect of her colleagues and friends. Still today, Libby reaches out to past educator mentees to check on how their careers are progressing. Not only did she mentor teachers' instructional craft, but she organized Lakewood benefits for teachers whose own children were in crisis, raising significant funds to help the struggling family financially. She continues to voluntarily give to the Lakewood Public Schools both with her time, as well as donating thousands of dollars' worth of books to our district's classrooms and the Lakewood community libraries. Mrs. Kinsey launched a social media platform named "Libby's Literary Corner and Rachel's Rave Reviews" promoting reading for children of all ages and interests. Mrs. Kinsey is a humanitarian who has shaped the lives of many in profound ways by sharing her gifts of high quality teaching, literary knowledge, philanthropic spirit, and care for community.

WHEREAS Mrs. Kinsey serves her community with compassion, generosity, and creativity, giving her time and energy to help others. Libby "shows up" for our community, attending sporting events, Art in the Park, theatre performances, and more, typically sending personal notes of gratitude to those involved. Mrs. Kinsey organized events to raise money and awareness for Responding to Overcome Poverty, and a Night of Music fundraiser and celebration of life to honor a community member who was diagnosed with cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven Skalka, Superintendent, do hereby proclaim that Mrs. Elizabeth "Libby" Kinsey be inducted into the Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame this day, April 27, 2022.



Dr. Steven Skalka, Superintendent of Schools

Stephen Williams, Principal, Lakewood High School