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THANK A TEACHER DAY SET FOR MAY 2

Volunteers to deliver treats for teachers and staff in the School District of La Crosse as part of a community demonstration of appreciation for educators

LA CROSSE, WI, April 27, 2017– Volunteers will fan out across the community on Tuesday, May 2 in a show of appreciation for teachers and all school staff during the third annual Thank a Teacher Day in La Crosse Public Schools.

Before school on Tuesday, volunteers organized by the La Crosse Public Education Foundation will make special deliveries to 15 locations, providing muffins, donuts and fresh fruit for about 1,000 employees as part of Thank a Teacher Day. In addition to teachers, the event recognizes the teaching assistants, food service staff, custodians, administrative assistants, nurses, principals and other staff who make a difference every day in the lives of La Crosse school children.

Treats will be provided via grant support from the La Crosse Community Foundation's Carol and Duane Taebel Family Fund. Other community volunteers will participate, including representatives from the District Wide Parent Committee and the La Crosse Area Retired Educators' Association, as well as Rotary Interact Clubs from Central and Logan high schools.

"When I visit classrooms, I'm always impressed by the enthusiasm of our teachers, and by how they are engaging children of widely varying abilities," said David Stoeffler, Executive Director of the La Crosse Public Education Foundation. "We may not always appreciate the challenges they face each day. So, as we enter the home stretch of the school year, we ask people to take a moment to say 'Thank You' to the teachers and other school staff."

Parents and students, as well as members of the general public, are encouraged to join in the celebration – whether joining LPEF volunteers to help hand out treats before school, or making other personal gestures to Thank a Teacher. If you can't join the festivities at your neighborhood school, consider sharing your thanks or reflections on favorite teachers in social media, on Facebook or Twitter, using the hashtag #thankateacher.

LPEF's mission is to enhance learning opportunities for students and to promote community support for public education. For more information, contact the LPEF office at 787-0226, or email Executive Director David Stoeffler at: david@lacrosseeducationfoundation.org.

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