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Dysart Elementary School teacher a Rodel semi-finalist

DYSART SCHOOLS — Dysart Elementary School teacher, Linda Heck, has been selected as a semi-finalist in the Rodel Foundation of Arizona's search for exemplary teachers. Ms. Heck, a fifth grade teacher at Dysart Elementary School, qualified as a semi-finalist due to her exceptional history of student achievement in a school which meets Rodel's qualifications.

The Rodel Foundation of Arizona is a charitable organization whose vision is to improve Arizona's pre-kindergarten through grade 12 public education system so that it is widely recognized as one of the best in the country by 2020. The Rodel Foundation works specifically with schools through collaborative initiatives designed to removing major roadblocks to achieving healthy schools and communities.

As a part of the semi-finalist process, Ms. Heck will receive a visit from a Rodel team performing a classroom observation and personal interview. Finalists for the Rodel award will be announced in November. Winners of the Rodel Foundation Exemplary Teacher Award are honored at an annual award's banquet and receive \$10,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds.

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