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## Adrian Public Schools Recognizes Three Inclusion Champions

Adrian, MI—Adrian Public Schools is proud to announce the recognition of three outstanding staff members as Inclusion Champions. The Local Parent Advisory Committee (LPAC) selected these individuals for their dedication to supporting students with disabilities and fostering an inclusive learning environment. They will be honored at the January 27 Adrian Public Schools Board of Education meeting.

- Katrina Unsicker, a paraprofessional at Adrian High School, has consistently gone above and beyond to create an inclusive atmosphere, ensuring that students with disabilities feel supported and valued. One nomination shared, “Mrs. U does so much in our school to engage the students, create relationships, and assist in inclusive opportunities with our Project Unify and Special Olympics teams.”
- Traci Moore, a paraprofessional at Springbrook Middle School, whose compassionate approach to helping students navigate their academic journey has earned her praise from colleagues and parents alike. One nomination shared, “She has been with a student for many years; not only has she helped him, but she has worked with many other students in the class. She has helped them grow into the people they are today.”
- Haley Martinez, a third-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary, has shown commitment to differentiating instruction and ensuring that all students, regardless of ability, have access to quality education. One nomination shared, “Miss Martinez has fully included a student in her classroom. She is always able to participate with a group of peers. She’s been included in guided reading groups, and all other curriculum students receive.”

Deb Agnew, Director of Special Education at Adrian Public Schools, said, “Katrina, Traci, and Haley exemplify what it means to be champions of inclusion. Their work not only enhances the learning experience for students with disabilities but also strengthens the overall school community. We are fortunate to have such dedicated professionals on our team.”

“We are incredibly proud of Katrina, Traci, and Haley for their unwavering dedication to inclusion,” said Derrick Richards, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. “Their efforts ensure that every student has the opportunity to meet their full potential.”

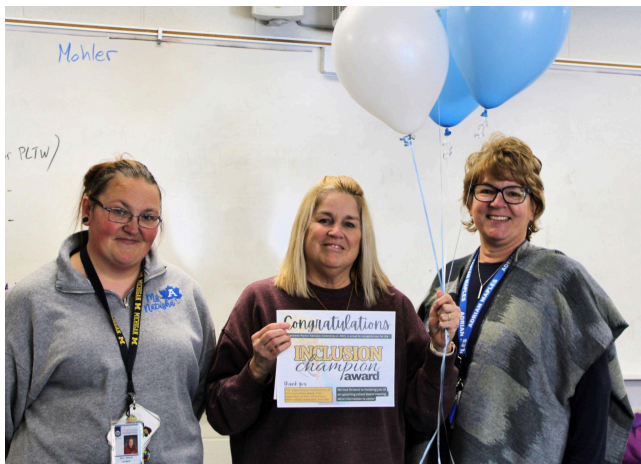
The Local Parent Advisory Committee (LPAC) is a partnership between the Lenawee Intermediate School District (LISD) and local school districts. It is focused on ensuring the provision of free and appropriate public education for all eligible students with disabilities. This parent-led group meets monthly and acts as the “Voice of the People,” reflecting the interests and concerns of parents and students when challenges or issues arise.

To learn more about Adrian Public Schools, please visit <https://www.adrianmaples.org/> or on [Facebook](#).



**Left to Right:**

- **Deb Agnew**, APS Director of Special Education and LPAC Representative
- **Katrina Unsicker**, APS Paraprofessional at Adrian High School
- **Natasha Abbott**, LPAC Representative and APS Paraprofessional



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- **Natasha Abbott**, LPAC Representative and APS Paraprofessional
- **Traci Moore**, APS Paraprofessional at Springbrook Middle School
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- **Natasha Abbott**, LPAC Representative and APS Paraprofessional
- **Haley Martinez**, APS 3rd Grade Teacher at Lincoln Elementary
- **Deb Agnew**, APS Director of Special Education and LPAC Representative