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Mattawan Middle School Named Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School®

Mattawan, MI - May 9, 2024 - Mattawan Middle School has achieved a prestigious honor by being selected as a National Showcase School by Capturing Kids' Hearts®. This recognition highlights the school's commitment to fostering exemplary outcomes and cultivating a positive culture and climate for learning through the implementation of the Capturing Kids' Hearts® Process.

The Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools® award is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the educators at Mattawan Middle School who have embraced the principles of empathy, connection, and positive reinforcement. By creating an environment where students feel valued, supported, and empowered, Mattawan Middle School has demonstrated a high level of performance and a dedication to nurturing meaningful relationships within the school community.

"We are incredibly proud to be recognized as a Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School®," said Chip Schuman, Principal of Mattawan Middle School. "This award is a reflection of the collective efforts of our staff, students, and families who have worked tirelessly to create a positive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive."

For the 2023-2024 school year, the Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools® award was granted to 612 school campuses across the United States, with Mattawan Middle School standing out as a shining example of excellence. Through experiential training, expert coaching, a character-based curriculum for students, and personalized support, Capturing Kids' Hearts® equips K-12 education professionals to implement a transformational process focused on fostering student connectedness and growing a relationship-driven culture.

"This achievement is a significant milestone for Mattawan Middle School and a testament to the dedication of all our educators in the District to provide the best possible learning environment for our students," said Randy Fleenor, Superintendent of Mattawan Consolidated School District. "As part of our strategic plan to foster caring, safe environments for our students, we want to become a Capturing Kids' Hearts Showcase District. Mattawan Middle School is leading the way. It is our goal to continue this work in all of our buildings throughout the district to ensure that every student receives a high-quality education in a supportive and nurturing environment."

For more information about Capturing Kids' Hearts® and its impact on education, please visit <https://www.capturingkidshearts.org/>.

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