

PULLMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Andy Mielke named 2022 “Dedicated Teacher Award” Recipient



**ANDY MIELKE**

*Music & Drama Teacher*  
PULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL



**DEDICATED  
TEACHER  
AWARD**

**2022**

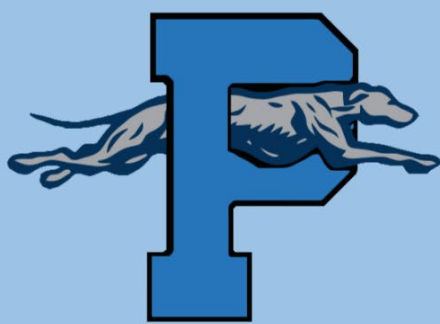
At the April 27, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, Andy Mielke, Pullman High School Music and Drama Teacher, was presented with the 2022 Dedicated Teacher Award by our Board of Directors. Each year, the board selects one certificated employee to receive this recognition. Andy was recommended for this recognition by Justin Pollestad who was so inspired by Andy’s commitment to the Pullman School District, how he so humbly serves Pullman High School (PHS) students, and how he quietly works to help students find success and enjoy their experience as a Pullman High School Greyhound.

Andy has served the Pullman School District for almost 17 years! Justin Pollestad, Pullman High School Principal, shared that “over the years, Mr. Mielke has demonstrated an ethic of continuous improvement. This focus on improvement has been exemplified by his work for his students in the classroom and in after school activities, where Andy is both the Drama club and Band director for Pullman High School. PHS is often looking for new classes to meet the ever-changing needs of our students. During his time at PHS, Andy has helped to create Guitar, as well as Drama class. These classes have been a huge success! Andy has also worked hard with band and drama to create well-respected performances and build unity within our community.”

From all of us here at Pullman School District, we extend our congratulations to Mr. Mielke!

2022 Dedicated Teacher Award Nominees:

- Marci Sontgerath, 1st Grade Teacher at Franklin Elementary
- Annalisa Kiblen, Kindergarten Teacher at Sunnyside Elementary
- Trish Blehm, 3rd Grade Teacher at Kamiak Elementary School
- Marie Wallace (Parrish), 1st Grade Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School
- Madison (Mimi) Dissmore, Math Teacher at Lincoln Middle School



**STUDENT  
AMBASSADORS  
2021-2022**

### Thank you to our 2021-2022 Pullman High School Student Ambassadors!

The Student Ambassador Program is a team that is comprised of representatives from the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes at Pullman High School. The students met with the Superintendent, Pullman High School Principal, and other district staff throughout the 2021-2022 school year to share information, provide feedback on the high school experience, and broaden the understanding of school-related issues.

The program has been a great partnership and has provided students with the opportunity to share their voice with district administrators and the school board. Some highlights of the productive conversations and work of the team include:

- Finding ways to make Pullman High School more sustainable.
- Providing feedback on ways to increase access to mental health resources for students.
- Brainstorming new and innovative ways to increase student feedback to gain greater insight into the student experience at PHS from varying points of view.
- Focusing on ways to make meal times run more efficiently.

Thank you to all of our Pullman High School Student Ambassadors for providing insight into the student experience at PHS, and helping PHS to continue to provide an excellent education and experience for high school students!

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