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Grosse Pointe Public Schools Teacher selected as PDK Emerging Leader

ARLINGTON, Va.—Andrea Lappin-Roth, a teacher for Grosse Pointe Public Schools in Grosse Pointe, Mich., has been named a PDK Emerging Leader for her dedication to helping students who have fallen behind in their learning.

“While it can be frustrating to see a child struggle with individual concepts or fall behind their peers,” Lappin-Roth said, “the most important thing to do is to concentrate on progress that has occurred and meet each new concept as a challenge that can be overcome when students, parents, and teachers work together.”

In addition to heading up the district’s elementary summer school program and serving as a resource room teacher, Lappin-Roth was recently admitted into the educational leadership and policy study doctoral program at Wayne State University.

PDK International, the education association that has recognized Lappin-Roth as an up-and-coming leader in the K-12 profession, will host Lappin-Roth and 25 other education change agents at a weekend networking event this December. The PDK Emerging Leaders will gather in Washington, D.C., meet with federal education policymakers, and share best practices with each other.

“The Emerging Leaders program is our way of paying it forward in public education,” said William J. Bushaw, PDK International’s executive director. “We find people under 40 who are standouts in the profession and we bring them together for a weekend of networking and expertise-sharing in the nation’s capital. By investing in these young leaders, we are investing in the future.”

PDK International is an association that represents nearly 30,000 professionals in K-12 education across the country. Every year, it recognizes a new class of PDK Emerging Leaders. For more information on PDK’s 2013-2014 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to www.pdkemergingleaders.org. Information about PDK International is at www.pdkintl.org.

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