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C-1 EDUCATOR CANDIDATE FOR STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Tracy Pruitt, third grade teacher at Truman Elementary School, is a candidate for the Missouri Teacher of the Year award. Pruitt is the Hickman Mills C-1 School District Teacher of the Year and was nominated for the statewide honor.

Pruitt, who will teach second grade at Truman during the 2009-10 school year, just returned from an informational and educational clinic sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in Jefferson City featuring last year's Missouri Teacher of the Year.

“The Missouri Teacher of the Year program shines a spotlight on our top educators and their commitment to raising the academic achievement of our students,” said Bert Schulte, the state’s interim commissioner of education. “We are proud to honor outstanding teachers like Tracy and their dedication to Missouri’s teaching profession.”

Any full-time classroom teacher (pre-kindergarten through grade 12) working in a Missouri public school can be nominated. DESE conducts the state-level selection process according to the guidelines of the national Teacher of the Year program. More information about the state-level competition can be found on DESE’s web site (www.dese.mo.gov/commissioner/awards/TOY).

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