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**Milton Foundation for Education Announces
Winners of Outstanding Teacher Awards**

Proclaiming it “one of the best things the Milton Foundation for Education does,” MFE president Helene Haddad, Assistant Superintendent Mary Gormley, and an entourage of MFE board members, school staff and excited parents traveled to each of the Milton public schools on April 18th to honor seven teachers for their outstanding work in the classroom.

Starting at 7:45 a.m. at Milton High School, the group surprised the first winner, Dr. Noreen Diamond Burdett, with flowers, balloons, a cake and a plaque. After leaving Dr. Burdett and her delighted students to enjoy their impromptu celebration, the group proceeded to each of the other five schools to make similar surprise visits. Also receiving Outstanding Teacher Awards were Mr. Larry Dorr, a special education teacher at Pierce Middle School; Sabrina O’Neil, a first grade teacher at Cunningham; and Emmanuelle Segall, a first grade teacher at Collicot who is currently on maternity leave. Segall was invited to Collicot for a visit with her baby and was surprised with the award. Gina Piazza and Amanda Brink who co-teach an integrated first grade class at Glover shared the award for that school. Piazza and Brink were nominated by parents of both special ed and typical students in their class.

Joanne Magliozzi, a fourth grade teacher who was selected as the Outstanding Teacher at Tucker, was unexpectedly absent that day, so her award was presented on Monday, April 28th.

Josh Coben, a fifth grade teacher at Cunningham, was presented with the Mary Grassa O’Neill Award which is given each year in honor of Milton’s former superintendent. To be considered for this award, the recipient must be known as a “teachers’ teacher,” committed to helping other teachers succeed. The Milton Foundation for Education reviewed all the 2008 Outstanding Teacher nominations and selected Coben to receive this prestigious award.

At each stop, the winning teachers were honored in their classrooms, with their students and the school’s principal and excited staff cheering them on. Gormley acknowledged that not too much learning took place in those classrooms the rest of the day, as the teachers celebrated their achievement with all their classes.

This is the eighth year that MFE has presented the Outstanding Teacher Awards. This year's winners will be honored at a special reception and ceremony on May 15th at 6:00 p.m. at Milton High School. The public is welcome at this event. For more information about the Milton Foundation for Education or the Outstanding Teacher Awards, please visit www.miltonfoundationforeducation.org.

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