

Legend of Learning - December 2018 - Elizabeth Sopchak

It is my pleasure to announce that Ms. Elizabeth (Liz) Sopchak, Special Education Teacher at LaFayette Jr/Sr High School, as our Legend of Learning for December 2018. Ms. Sopchak has helped to advance our school district by inspiring, empowering and preparing her students to achieve excellence. One of Ms. Sopchak's nominators shared the following:

Liz helps me to differentiate my curriculum for her students and she is always hosting students in her room during lunch. Ms. Sopchak is very giving of her time when it comes to working with students on school work or assisting them in developing social skills. Liz also serves as the 7th grade class advisor. Ms. Sopchak cares for all of her students.

Another nominator shared:

Liz is always putting her students first. Today is a perfect example of the type of educator she is. She gave up her lunch to hold a mediation meeting between two friends who were having a difficult time communicating with each other. She knew it was negatively affecting both students and took it upon herself to address the issue. She then gave up her planning period to read a test to one of her students who had missed the exam due to absences before Thanksgiving. She knows what her students need and she goes extra lengths to make sure they are taken care of. She communicates effectively with the 7th and 8th grade team and works very closely with her TAs to make sure her students accommodations are being met. When she pushes into my classroom she is constantly collaborating with me to help me differentiate my instruction. I feel very lucky to have a coworker that is so dedicated to her job and her students.

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Liz Sopchak as our Legend of Learning for December 2018. Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence!

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