



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed Betsy Lavinder Advances in National Teacher of the Year Contest

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Congratulations to Betsy Lavinder, a teacher at Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facility (IRJCF), who was recently named Region 3 Teacher of the Year by the Correctional Education Association (CEA). Betsy now advances in the contest and will compete against nine other teachers nationwide for the title of *National Teacher of the Year*.



“Her unwavering devotion to her work with the Department of Youth Services has made her a role model for educational success,” the CEA states on its website. To read more, click [here](#).

The Region 3 area consists of six states: Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. CEA will select the 2015 Teacher of the Year in July at a conference in Arlington, Virginia.

Betsy has been employed with DYS for 29 years as a math teacher, with 25 years at the former Mohican Juvenile Correctional Facility and the last four years at IRJCF.

“We are so proud of Betsy and wish her well as she moves forward in the Teacher of the Year contest,” said Jennifer Sanders, Superintendent of the Buckeye United School District.