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CREEKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER SANDY PIAZZA NOMINEE FOR CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

ROHNERT PARK, CA - The Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District is proud to announce that Sandy Piazza, Technology Arts teacher at Creekside Middle School, is a nominee for the California League of Middle Schools Region One Teacher of the Year. Ms. Piazza has taught in the District since 1989, moving to Creekside when it opened to become its first technology arts teacher. At that time, Ms. Piazza created topically-organized individual units such as manufacturing, transportation, and flight and rocketry. Since then Ms. Piazza's curriculum has evolved as technology has changed, and her program now includes units on video production and robotics.

Ms. Piazza will be honored at a dinner on November 21, 2008 at Fountain Grove in Santa Rosa. Creekside Principal Sandy Kuzma commented, "It is important to honor our outstanding teachers. The criteria for this award include leadership, academic support for students and knowledge about young adolescents." The Region One winner will join the honorees from other California regions at the League's annual conference in the spring.

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