

**Copper Country Intermediate School District  
Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education:**

**Jennifer Beaudette**

**Cindy Figures, Chairperson**

Zachary Halkola

**Bobbie Jo Holombo**

Michael Lahti

Heather Tikkanen

**Amanda Wais**

(Bold indicates award committee members.)

Thank you to the Copper Country Intermediate School District  
for making this event possible.

**“Tell me and I forget.**

**Teach Me and I Remember.**

**Involve Me and I Learn.”**

~Benjamin Franklin

**“There’s no elevator to success.**

**You have to take the stairs.”**

~Author Unknown

**Nineteenth Annual  
Copper Country Intermediate School District  
Parent Advisory Committee  
for Special Education**

**Awards**

In recognition of persons  
who have made outstanding contributions  
and accomplishments in special education  
during the 2021-2022 school year.

**6:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

Bonfire at The Continental Fire Co.  
Houghton, Michigan

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**Welcome:**

Cindy Figures, PAC Chairperson

**Presentation of Awards:**

Cindy Figures, PAC Chairperson

PAC Representatives

Kristina Penfold, CCISD Director of Special Education

## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Administrator

**Kim Harris**, Principal~South Range Elem. School

### General Education Teacher

**Tristan Baranowski**~CLK Elem. School

### Special Education Teacher

**Madeline Gemignani**~Hancock Middle School

### Ancillary Staff

**Amanda Kilpela**, Speech Therapist~CCISD

### Support Staff

**Beth Reynolds**, Instructional Aide~Baraga Area Schools  
*(Also retiring.)*

**Jessica Hendrickson**, Secretary~Stanton Township School District

### Team Award

SET (Social Emotional Teaching) Program~CCISD

**Maria Horner**, Special Education Teacher

**Naomi Michaelson**, Special Education Teacher

**Bob Hiltunen**, Instructional Aide

**Adria Hohly**, Instructional Aide

**April Lantto**, Instructional Aide

## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Student Salutes

**Matt Griffith**, General Education Teacher~Hancock High School

**Anna Bradfish**, Special Education Teacher~Houghton High School

### Make A Difference Awards

**Brooke Pomroy**, Student~CLK High School

**Aidan McKellar**, Student~CLK Middle School

**Drew Dorsky**, Student~L'Anse High School

### Special Recognition (Retiring)

**Kathy Retaskie**, Special Education Teacher~Baraga Area Schools

**Jane Sweeney**, Instructional Aide~L'Anse Area Schools

**Bobbi Jo Holombo**, PAC Representative-Houghton School District

**Cindy Figures**, PAC Chairperson~CCISD

**Sue Wohlleber**, Executive Secretary for Special Education, CCISD

*When someone asks why anyone would choose to become  
a part of the field of education, remind them why it's worth it.  
Every job has its ups and down. Not every job can change a life.*