



## **Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District**

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District proudly announces recipients of the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award for 2008. The Award was created to honor teachers in Western Massachusetts who demonstrate enthusiasm about and excellence in the teaching profession. The awardees were selected by a committee of local administrators and past recipients based on criteria related to excellence in teaching, professional development, contributions beyond the classroom, and respect by peers, parents, and students.

### **The HWRSD Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients for 2008**

Linda DeMarey, Science Specialist  
Memorial Elementary School

Heidi Drawec, English Teacher  
Minnechaug Regional High School

Leslie DuPré, Kindergarten Teacher  
Mile Tree Elementary School

Crystal Kofke, Grade 6 Teacher  
Stony Hill Elementary School

### **The Beginning Teacher Award Recipient for 2008**

Nicole Mercier, Mathematics Teacher  
Minnechaug Regional High School