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**Massachusetts Superintendent, Carol Woodbury, Will Receive National Award  
For Literacy Leadership**

Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District, will receive national recognition for her leadership in keeping Reading Recovery available for struggling readers in the Cape Cod area and in other Massachusetts communities. The Reading Recovery Teacher Leader Award will be presented to Mrs. Woodbury during the Teacher Leader Institute in Dallas, TX, on June 17.

Reading Recovery is a short-term intervention of one-to-one tutoring for first graders who struggle with early reading and writing. During daily half-hour lessons, specially trained teachers work with students for 12 to 20 weeks. After a full set of lessons, 75% of these formerly lowest first-graders reach grade level standard. Reading Recovery received highest ratings of the 150 beginning reading programs reviewed by USDE's Institute of Education Sciences What Works Clearinghouse.

Through difficult budget times, Mrs. Woodbury has held fast to her support for Reading Recovery as an excellent model of professional learning that creates outstanding literacy teachers for struggling students. She says these expert teachers are especially needed as schools face rising levels of children in poverty and an increasing number of English Language Learners. District data support her commitment. Children who are successful in Reading Recovery continue to be successful in reading and writing. Reading Recovery trained teachers also work with other students who need extra literacy support in small groups daily so that their expertise extends well beyond the first grade intervention.

Mrs. Woodbury's impact has gone beyond the Cape Cod area. Before becoming Superintendent in Dennis-Yarmouth Regional District, she was instrumental in bringing Reading Recovery to Monson Public Schools. She has also advised the Reading Recovery Council of Massachusetts and has advocated for grant funding to train more teachers. In addition, Mrs. Woodbury is a member of the Superintendent Advisory Council of the Reading Recovery Council of North America.

In supporting Ms. Woodbury for this award, Kevin Depin, Principal of Ezra H. Baker School wrote, "I can think of no better candidate for the Teacher Leader Award than Carol Woodbury, a tireless advocate for educational quality, teacher professionalism, and the neediest students of the Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District."

Ms. Woodbury is one of two awardees who will receive a Teacher Leader Award at the Teacher Leader Institute. Also receiving the award is Ann Greene, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction of District One Schools Spartanburg County in Campobello, South Carolina. Each year, Reading Recovery teacher leaders nominate and recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Reading Recovery beyond their local community. This professional recognition is sponsored by the Reading Recovery Council of North America, an association of Reading Recovery professionals and partners. The Council provides networking opportunities and advocacy for Reading Recovery in the United States and Canada. In the U.S. nearly two million children have had Reading Recovery lessons and tens of thousands of teachers have been trained.