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ONEIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT #351

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Dear Oneida School Board,

It is my honor and privilege to present to you Martin Pope as the Oneida School District Employee of the Month. Mr. Pope has been in our district for 16 years. He was one of our original adjunct professors for ISU and CSI. He has taught dual credit Biology 101, Biology 102, Chemistry 100, and Chemistry 101. Martin has taught biology, chemistry, physics, field biology, special topics in science, and anatomy/physiology while at Malad High School. He frequently has taken fieldtrips to study geology, astronomy, and ecology. Martin has invited guest speakers to come into his classroom. Earlier this month he visited a local canyon to study plant and animal identification, population ecology, community ecology, water quality, and geology studies. Inside the classroom he uses a variety of instructional strategies and activities that keep his students engaged and motivated. He encourages student participation and gives opportunity for hands on learning.

Martin is also currently serving as an instructional coach for the district. As an instructional coach, Mr. Pope has taken time during his prep time to go into other classrooms. During these classroom observation visits he has been able to give teachers supportive feedback on how they can improve their instructional strategies. Mr. Pope has a quality of building trusting relationships with his peers. Teachers appreciate the insights he is able to give. Martin is viewed by his peers as a highly skilled and successful teacher.

This past year all 12 of his chemistry students scored proficient on the ISAT test. We are fortunate to have Martin Pope as one of our highly qualified, teacher leaders in our school district.

Sincerely,

Rich Moore, PhD.
Superintendent
Oneida School District