

# ONEIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT #351

*Caring & Educating.*

November 14, 2017

Dear Oneida School Board,

It is my honor and privilege to present to you Lois Willie as the Oneida School District Employee of the Month. Our school district has many individuals who make a positive impact with our students. Lois is a great example of a teacher who has made a difference in the life of our students. Lois serves in two of our schools as a Tile I intervention teacher. She specializes in reading. Over the years, Lois has taken many specialized courses to become an expert in reading interventions. Every day she works with struggling readers in helping them overcome their difficulties and become successful readers. Lois has a talent in building up the esteem in students by believing that all students can achieve. She is encouraging and supportive with our students. She works closely with her peers in the classroom, helping them with strategies that will support reading development.

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, Lois was recognized in Boise as the Idaho Library Board Trustee of the Year. This prestigious honor exemplifies that Lois is not only a great teacher, but one who also serves our community. She gives hours of her time and talents in supporting our local library. One of the programs she has promoted is summer reading. This has helped keep our students reading skills up during the summer months.

In an email I recently received from Kathy Kent, director of our public library, “Lois has had an extremely positive influence on the youth of this county. My daughter and grandson are among those who have benefitted from her help at school.”

Lois is a dedicated employee who loves and serves the students of our district. I commend her for the marvelous support she has given to our students over the years. We are fortunate to have Lois as one of our many wonderful employees.

Sincerely,

Rich Moore, PhD.  
Superintendent  
Oneida School District

Dr. Moore,

10/23/2017

I just wanted to send you a note to make sure you were aware of the prestigious honor one of your faculty members was awarded on September 21<sup>st</sup> at a ceremony in Boise, Idaho. Lois Willie was selected as the Idaho Trustee of the Year for her continued and valuable service as an Oneida County Library Board Member. Only a few members of the Idaho Community are awarded this honor yearly. Lois' award reflects positively on our county, our library and on our school district. She is an example of community service and unselfish use of her time and talents not only in the school district, but outside of her job as well. Lois spends a lot of hours taking care of the youth in our community and helping us with our programs. She is invaluable in the summer as we promote reading programs that help prevent "summer slide" reading slumps among our children.

Among some of the other awards handed out included one to Debbie Critchfield, Vice President, PPGA Chair, on the Idaho State Board of Education. I just wanted you to know that her award was noted by members of the State Board of Education who were there to support Debbie Critchfield. As I introduced Lois, I made sure they knew of the contributions not only to our library, but to our School District as well. She was an excellent and positive representative of our School District.

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If you see fit, it would be nice to recognize Lois in front of her peers. She deserves it!

Thanks,

Kathy Kent  
Oneida County Library Director

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Title 1 instructor, Mrs. Lois Willie, is the Employee of the Month (November) for Oneida School District.

This past month Lois has went above and beyond her “regular” duties and has helped Malad Elementary with their portion of a district wide federal Title 1 audit. Special preparations and trainings have taken place and it was Mrs. Willie that coordinated these efforts. Hours were spent on data collection and organization. Thank you Lois!

Mrs. Willie leads a team of four paraprofessionals in helping meet the ELA and Math needs of our “Tier 2” intervention responsibilities from kindergarten through fifth grade. This is no little task since along with these intervention efforts, additional data collecting, organizing and sharing goes with it (progress monitoring and benchmarking). Thank you Lois!

Mrs. Willie is stellar. She gets things done. An assignment is given, she responds with an “ok’ and it get done. She takes a lot of pride in her work. She is very positive and has a great relationship with her peers.

Thank you Lois!

Robert Hannah

Malad Elementary School

November 8, 2017