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## **Florence Sawyer teacher honored at State House**



***Representative Kate Hogan (left) and Representative Natalie Higgins (right) present Karen Walsh Fortin, K-8 Math Specialist at the Florence Sawyer School, with a celebratory citation during a reception at the State House. Also pictured is Joel Bates, Principal of Florence Sawyer School.***

Florence Sawyer School teacher Karen Walsh Fortin was named a finalist in the 2016 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Ms. Walsh was honored during a reception at the State House held on June 15<sup>th</sup> recognizing the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year and other recipients of the Commonwealth's top honors for educators.

Ms. Walsh is a K-8 Math Specialist at the Florence Sawyer School, where she works with students who are either advanced or in need of additional instruction in the subject of math. At the reception, Ms. Walsh, a resident of Leominster, was presented with a celebratory citation from Representative Kate Hogan (D-Stow), Representative Natalie Higgins (D-Leominster), and Senator Jennifer Flanagan (D-Leominster).