

**Laurie Propst**  
**2010 Friend of Education**

Laurie Propst is a staunch advocate for children and ensuring all students receive the best educational opportunities. This was never more evident than during her 30 years as a member of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education. Her early PTO involvement instilled a passion to do what's best for kids. This passion lead her to become a board member to affect change for all students. One of Laurie's nominators wrote, "her greatest gift to the youth of Beaver Dam was her key role in establishing an institutional culture of decision making that focuses on what is best for our students."

Through Laurie's leadership and determination, the district created one of the first charter schools in the State. Another nominator said, "she truly cherishes the creation of the Charter School because it helped those students become successful in life when they weren't experiencing any success for themselves." During her tenure, she played a key role in the building or remodeling of each building to ensure each student was provided with the best learning environment possible.

Laurie's mantra is "What's right for the kids" and it is that mantra and her devotion to the students of the district that makes her a champion for children.