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**Edward Hynes Elementary Charter School teacher named 2008-9
“Louisiana Middle School Teacher of the Year”**



Middle school teacher, Wendy DeMers of Edward Hynes Charter School, has been named the 2008-2009 “Louisiana Middle School Teacher of the Year”. The distinction is given by the Louisiana Department of Education and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and is designed to recognize and honor outstanding elementary, middle, and high school teachers from each local school system throughout the state.

“We are so proud of Ms. DeMers and her accomplishments at Hynes,” said Principal Michelle Douglas. “She is truly deserving of this recognition and exemplifies the hard work and passion that are inherent in an exceptional teacher.”

Ms. DeMers has over 30 years experience in education. A product of Orleans Parish Public Schools, Ms. DeMers graduated from the University of New Orleans with a degree in Elementary Education with a focus in Early Childhood. She spent 8 years as a Preschool teacher, 12 years as a kindergarten teacher and is in her 12th year as a middle school teacher.