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To the Board of Trustees and District Administration,

It is our great pleasure to honor Deborah Mok as December's certificated employee of the month. Deborah joined Rincon Valley in August of 2010 as an Adapted Physical Education Teacher. She has supported students in preschool through 6th grade as a member of the RCSS and now RVP team.

Deb stands out for her desire to see ALL students learn and in her ability to ensure that they do so. Deb contributes a great deal of knowledge and expertise, both in the classroom and in meetings. She is caring, ethical, and flexible enough to understand many different points of view. Deb works closely with a wide range of school staff to support students in achieving their goals. This collaboration builds staff capacity and ability to follow through on strategies and activities. Deb is always a welcome sight when she arrives to class with both teachers and students excited to see what activities she has brought.

Deb is currently helping to pilot two programs designed to support students not just with their gross motor development, but in their overall mind/body connection. She is working on the Bal-A-Vis-X program with students who need support with both cognitive and/or behavioral needs. She is also developing a program with Special Olympics to promote inclusion of students with special needs and their general education peers and big buddies, on the Binkley campus. Deb works with the older students as they participate in the county-wide Special Olympics in soccer, basketball and track and field events.

Deb is a quiet leader who provides support and guidance to everyone she interacts with. She has a high level of personal integrity and always follows through on her commitments. Deb goes above and beyond without needing to be asked. When she sees something that needs to be done, she is the first one to jump in and get it done. This includes creating the winning spirit video for RVP, organizing materials (outside of

the school day) for teachers to access, or providing materials to teachers to support their students. Deb has reached out to mentor the new general education physical education teachers as they learn to work with students with all levels of ability.

Outside of work, Deb is mother to two wonderful children, Kayla and Kody and wife to Jac. She enjoys being creative, baking, and working out. Deb has a great sense of humor and is an integral part of the Rincon Valley Partnership community. We are happy to celebrate her many contributions on this occasion.

It is for all of these reasons that she is recognized as an outstanding member of the Rincon Valley Union School District and deserving of this honor.

Denise Reich, Teresa Knapp and Cathy Myhers