## Cindy Zecher Named a Classified School Employee of the Year

The Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) named Cindy Zecher, the office manager at Lincoln Middle School, a Classified Employee of the Year this week.

ACOE named honorees in six categories: Child Nutrition; Maintenance, Operations, and Grounds; Office and Technical; Para-Educator and Instructional Assistance; and Support Services and Security.  Honorees now move on to be considered by the California Department of Education as State Classified Employees of the Year.

Ms. Zecher, who serves as the president of CSEA 27 and has worked for AUSD for 32 years, won in the Office and Technical category. Her nomination commended her as being indispensable to her school site for her leadership and institutional knowledge, as well as her strong relationships with students.

"It is certainly an honor to be recognized for something I love doing - working with middle schoolers," said Zecher, who attended Lincoln Middle School and has worked there for 22 years. "A few years ago when I was the CSEA Area C Director, I was fortunate to participate in reading the Classified School Employee of the Year (CSEY) nomination forms.  Never in a million years would I have ever thought I would be in the position of having someone at the state level reading a nomination form for me."

"Many of our classified members are deserving of this recognition," she continued. " I'm very fortunate to work with a amazing team here at Lincoln Middle School, especially Amy Kesner along with the other 6th grade CORE teachers, Julie Kemp along with the office staff, and Principal Michael Hans, who took the time to write the nomination forms to move my name forward.  Thank you!"

Superintendent McPhetridge congratulated Zecher during the April 10 Board of Education meeting, saying: "We're very proud of Cindy, We thank her for her dedication to the students, staff, and families at Lincoln Middle School over the years, and we appreciate her for her service as the president of the CSEA 27 bargaining group."