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NYSUT Program Services  
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To the Health Care Provider of the Year Selection Committee:

This letter is to provide my highest recommendation for Dawn Lloyd-Matthews to receive NYSUT's Health Care Professional of the Year Award. I am certain that there are others that are under consideration for this award, but in my opinion, none is more deserving than Dawn.

Within the Sayville Teachers Association, Dawn is a key leadership figure and trusted confidante of the president. She has held a number of offices within the local, including Executive Vice-President, Grievance Coordinator and member of our negotiation team. Dawn is an alum of the NYSUT Leadership Institute and a member of our LAP Team. Dawn is a member of NYSUT's Pension and Retirement Committee. She also has been a longtime STA delegate to NYSUT and the AFT and attends the conventions. It is without question that the Sayville Teachers' Association would not run as effectively without Dawn's active involvement.

However, Dawn does not stop with committing her energies to union activities. Dawn is also treasured as our social worker. Within that role, she has initiated and coordinated several community outreach programs to those in need and special programs for students at risk. She is highly respected and trusted by her colleagues. She is also highly regarded by our district's administration and achieves that respect without compromising her commitment to the goals of our union. There is little that goes on within our school community in which Dawn has not played a hand in helping. She has also been a speaker at professional conferences, targeting the topic of cyber bullying, an area in which she has devoted much of her time to combatting.

In summary, Dawn is an enthusiastic unionist and quality health care professional that gives so much to our union and community. She is involved in every aspect of our local. She demonstrates excellence as a mental health professional and is committed to the union.

Please give Dawn your highest consideration for this award.

In solidarity,

Tim Southerton  
President  
NYSUT ED 21 Director