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### **Warren Consolidated School of Performing Arts educator inducted into Theatre Teacher Hall of Fame**

Warren, MI – Warren Consolidated School of Performing Arts teacher Erik Hart was recently inducted into the Michigan Educational Theater Association 2015-16 Theatre Teacher Hall of Fame.

The Michigan Educational Theater Association Hall of Fame was established to honor theater educators who have served a minimum of 15 years, has demonstrated excellence in all areas of their work with students, and who have a proven track record in the classroom, and on the stage.

The hall of fame committee also took into consideration educators who are active participants in the professional learning community established by META. An educator's work on the board, in adjudication, or through professional development presentations at state and local conferences is a critical component of a successful nomination.

"Mr. Hart was selected by a unanimous vote of the META committee," Dr. Phillip W. Moss, Chair of the META Hall of Fame Committee said. "He is a consummate professional who works to insure the success of his students every day."

Hart, the youngest educator ever inducted into the META Hall of Fame, currently serves as state chapter director for the Michigan Educational Theater Association and is director of the Michigan Thespian Festival. He has worked as a theater teacher for Warren Consolidated Schools for the past 15 years. Hart holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from Michigan State University, a Bachelor of Arts in English from University of Michigan and a Master of Arts in Education from University of Michigan.

"I feel honored to join such an exclusive group of educators that I have looked up to for years," Hart said. "I am blessed to be surrounded by incredibly supportive people including my family, the WCSPA staff, fellow theatre teachers from across the state, and a very supportive school district that understands the value of arts education."

WCSPA is a nationally recognized program specializing in all aspects of theatre performance and production. All classes are offered as part of the regular high school curriculum and are open to students from all three district high schools. From dance, design and dramatic criticism, to stage combat, Shakespeare and sound effects, students receive a complete theatre experience. Students are also exposed to visiting professional, guest faculty, university workshops, field trips, theatre organizations and an abundance of scholarship opportunities.

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