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## Kristen Lundeen Education Support Professional (ESP) of the Year

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## About

The NEA-NH is honoring Kristen Lundeen from Weare Middle School as the first recipient of the Education Support Professional (ESP) of the Year. Kristen's daily interactions are marked by an unwavering commitment to go beyond the call of duty, evident in her nurturing approach. Despite the demands of a full-time job and the responsibilities of a large family, Kristen is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Behavioral Health Science. This pursuit highlights her desire to increase her ability to serve her students effectively. Kristen's philosophy, "Each day provides an opportunity to share kindness and compassion through education," reflects her belief in the transformative power of education. It underpins her approach to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment at Weare Middle School. Kristen's influence extends beyond the classroom, inspiring students and colleagues with her resilience and commitment to growth.