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**West Jefferson Hills School District Teacher Named as  
2018 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Finalist**

Jefferson Hills, PA - Mr. Adam Gebhardt, Art Education Teacher in the West Jefferson Hills School District, was named as one of the 2018 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year finalists as announced by Governor Tom Wolf on April 13, 2017. Mr. Gebhardt is one of twelve educators nominated by students, parents, colleagues and members of the community who wish to recognize teacher achievements both in and outside the classroom. "It is a tremendous honor to be recognized as a finalist for Pennsylvania teacher of the year," said Gebhardt. I am so grateful to teach such amazing students in a great school alongside so many other inspiring teachers!"

Mr. Gebhardt teaches art education at Jefferson and Gill Hall Elementary Schools and has been the recipient of several educational grants for his innovative teaching methodology combining technology and art education. He is also the program leader and grant writer for Jefferson Elementary School's SpotEd

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The 2018 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year will be announced in December 2017 in Hershey, PA at the Pennsylvania Department of Education's annual professional development conference. The purpose of the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year program is to celebrate excellence in teaching, honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the young people of Pennsylvania, and select a nominee for the National Teacher of the Year award.



**Adam Gebhardt**

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